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With Robotnik's forces stretched thin, the Freedom Fighters decide that now is time to mount a SECOND* rescue attempt of KING MAX ACORN! With the help of dashing rouge Geoffrey St. John, our heroes must venture into the perilous and unpredictable ZONE of SILENCE where Robotnik had imprisoned the king at the start of the war! Can Sally's dad be rescued? Or will the zone claim four new victims?

Sonic the Hedgehog #42: "In Every Kingdom There Must Exist A Little Chaos!"

Be Careful who you trust, Sonic! As time runs out for the ailing King Acorn, the Freedom Fighters desperately search for a cure to the crystalization process that is slowly devouring the king's body! Hoping that a chaos emerald can reverse the deadly effects, the gang must turn to the only one they know with a chaos emerald on hand - KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA! But will the guardian of the floating island feel so generous?
Yea, right!

*rescue attempt #1 seen in Sonic Archives vol. 9

"Knuckles' Quest"

In order to find a clue as to the whereabouts of King Acorn's magical "royal sword," Knuckles and Tails venture DOWNUNDA to pay a visit to the Ancient Walkers! Upon arrival, the unlikely duo come across ATHAIR, Knuckles' GREAT GRANDFATHER!

Sonic the Hedgehog #43:

"The Dream Zone"

King Acorn's condition is worsening, and even the savvy DOCTOR QUACK can't seem to find a cure! It seems the only hope is the "Electro-Ecellographic Memory Inducer," which will allow Sonic to travel into the King's dreaming mind to communicate! Can Sonic somehow convince the King to fight the crystalization process that's ravaging his body? Or is the whole plan just a pipe dream?

Sonic the Hedgehog #44:

"Black and Blue and Red All Over"

Leather jackets and black berets? Smells like MOEBIUS to me! Anti-Sonic and Anti-Knuckles are after the floating island's chaos emerald, and only our universe's Knuckles stands in their way! With the help of the Freedom Fighters, Knuckles and the anti-heroes venture back to Moebius and uncover a fiendish plot to flood the submerged city of ATLANTINOPOLIS!



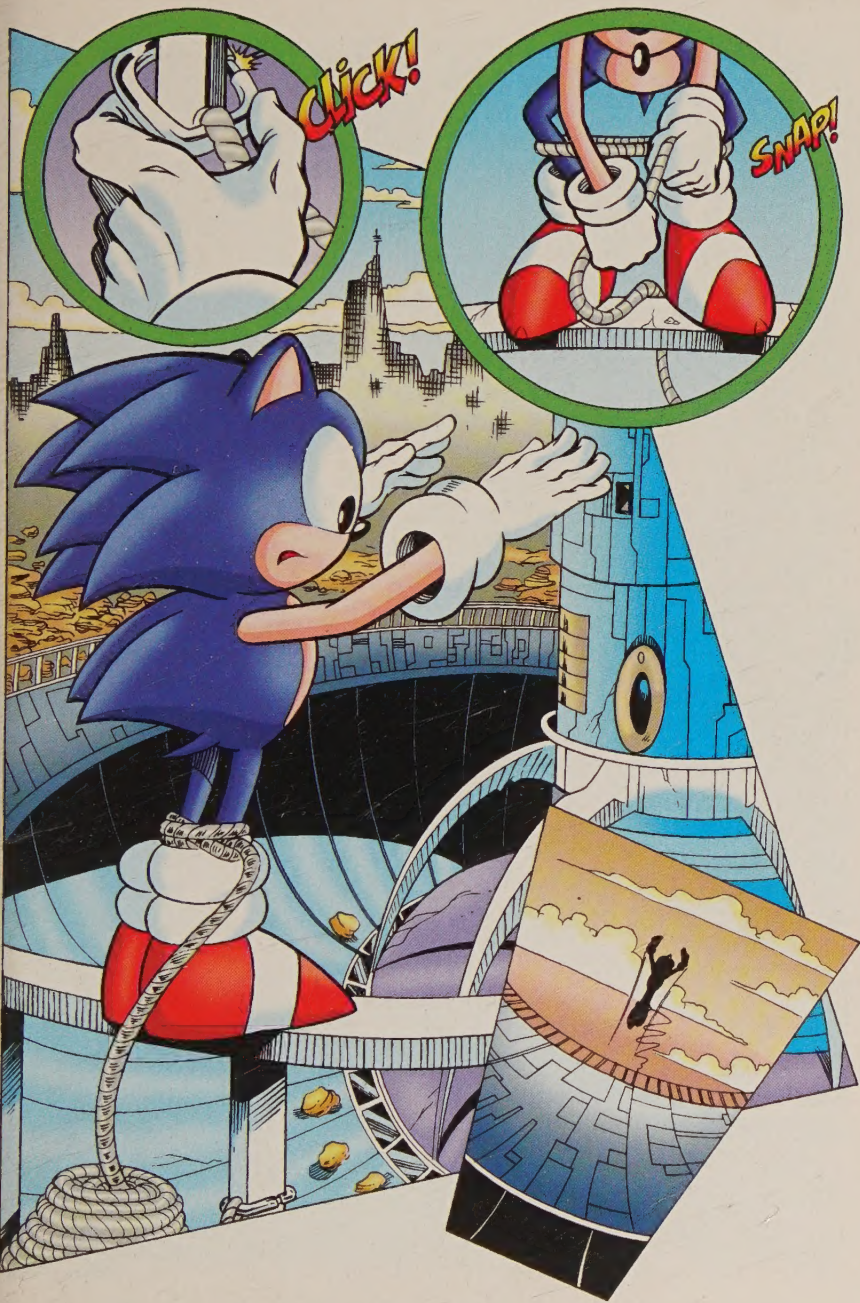
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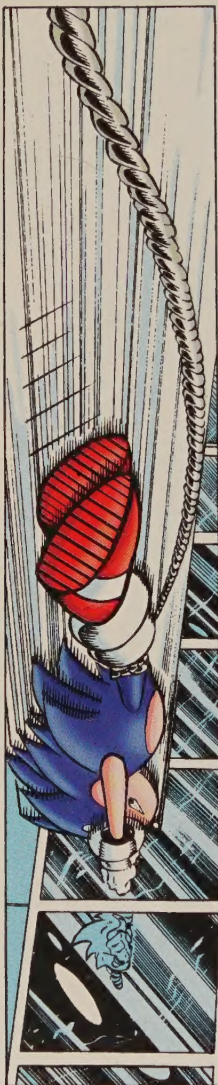
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...and one shall save him!

Part I



EGADS! IT'S

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ONCE AGAIN!

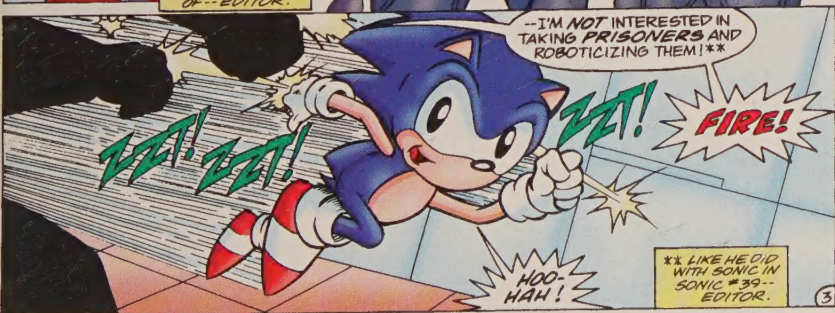
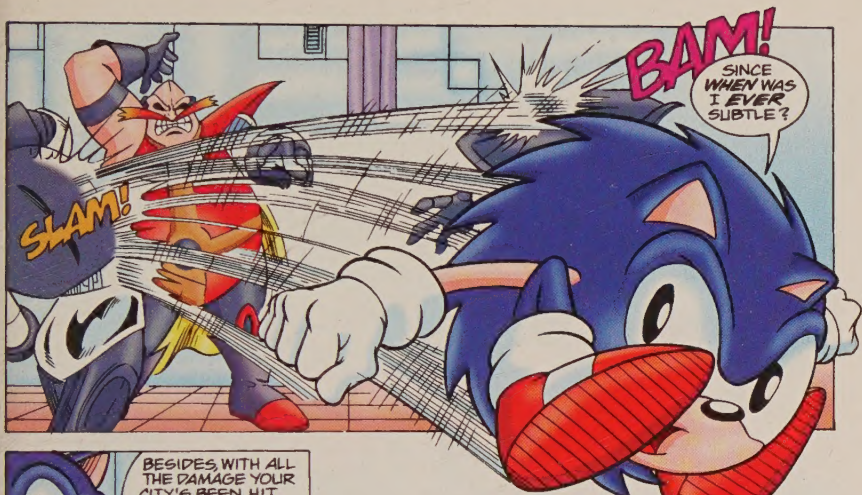
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YOU'RE SO GOLDEN-
EYING ME LIKE
THIS!

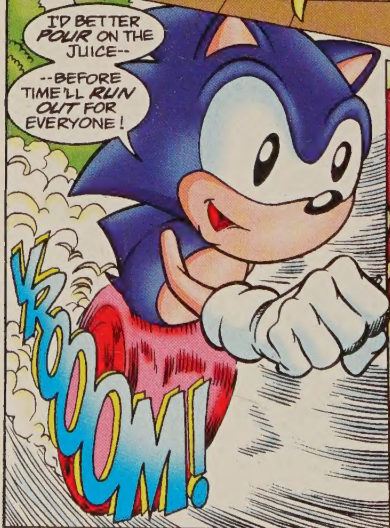
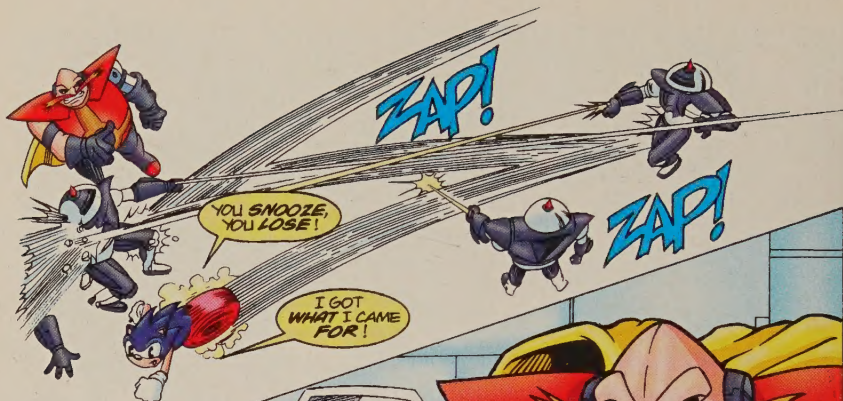
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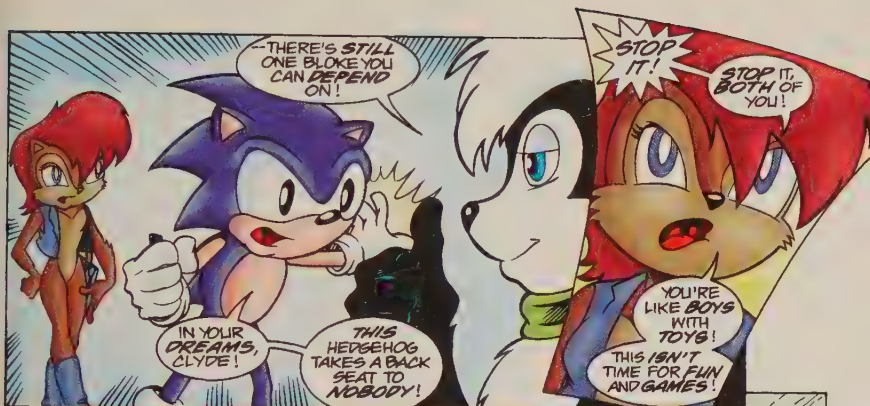
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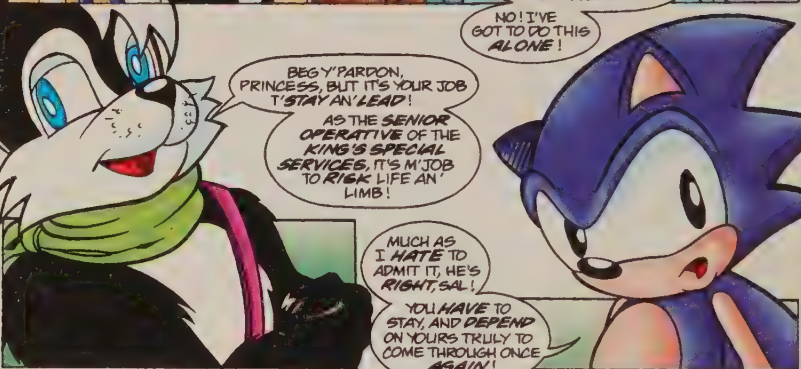


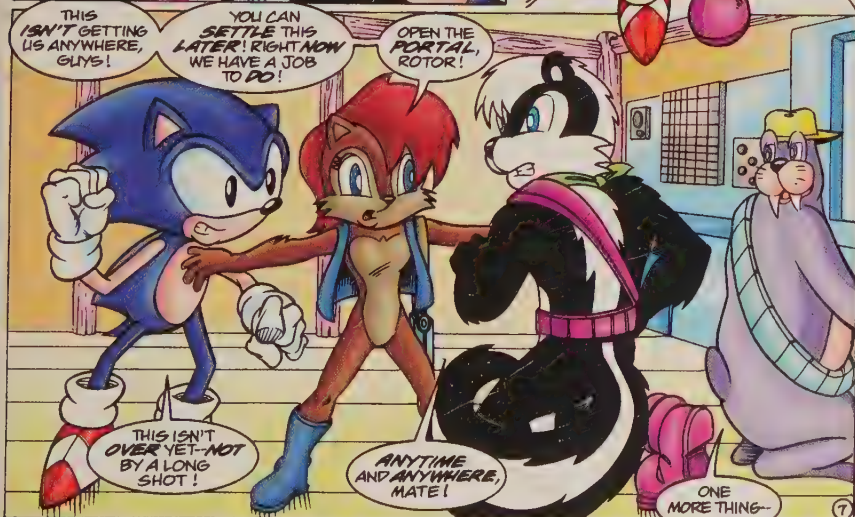
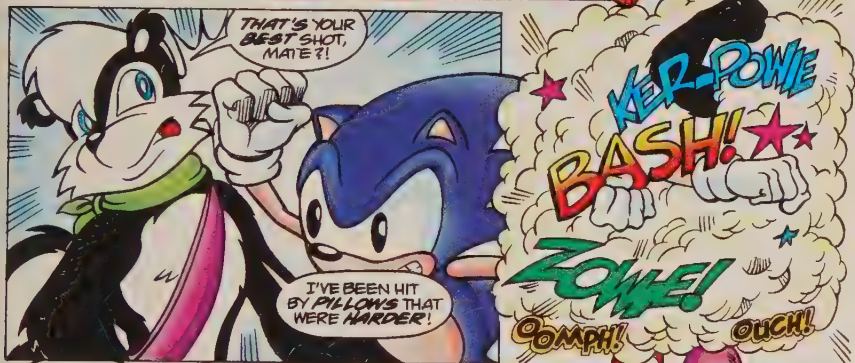
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THESE JET PACKS I'VE DESIGNED **SHOULD** HANDLE MANEUVERING THROUGH THE ZONE! **HOWEVER--**

--I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO FULLY WORK OUT ALL THE BUGS, SO BE CAREFUL!

NOTHING THAT WILL GET YOU THROUGH THE ZONE LIKE THESE WILL!

BE CAREFUL?! GOT ANYTHING MORE RELIABLE?

SQUAWK! SQUAWK! SQUAWK!

I THINK I HEAR SOME HEN CLUCKING!

VERY FUNNY, WISE GUY!

I THOUGHT SO, TOO! AFTER YOU!

GOOD LUCK, GANG!

WE'LL BE BACK, ROTOR--

--AND DON'T FORGET TO LEAVE THE LIGHT ON FOR US!

NOT TO MENTION THE WELCOME MAT!

JUST COME BACK SAFE AND SOUND!

End of Part I

...and one shall save him!

Part II

I SENSE
HIS ARRIVAL!

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHUG

THE ONLY
FOE TO INVADE
MY DOMAIN
AND ESCAPE MY
WRATH!

HE WILL
NOT BE SO
FORTUNATE--

--THIS
TIME!

EH?

WHAT IS
IT, TOADY?

I BEG YOUR
LORDSHIP'S
INDULGENCE..

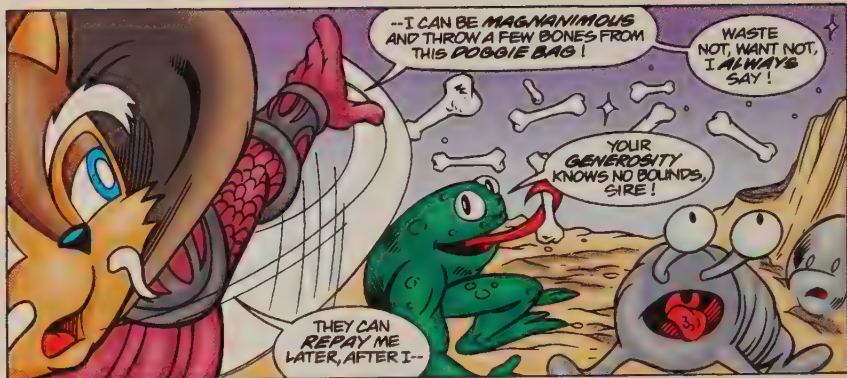
--BUT IT'S BEEN AWHILE
SINCE THE PACK HAS BEEN
FED A DECENT MEAL!

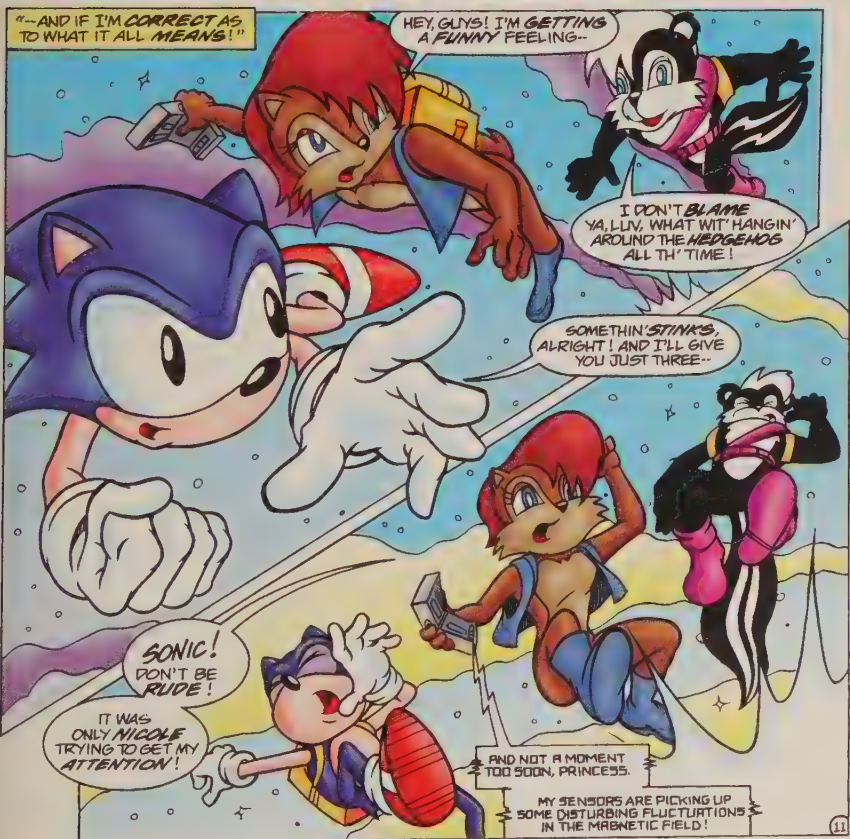
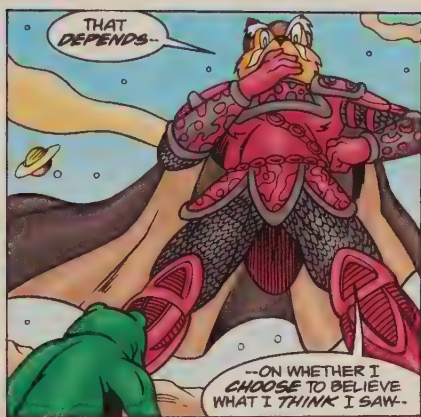
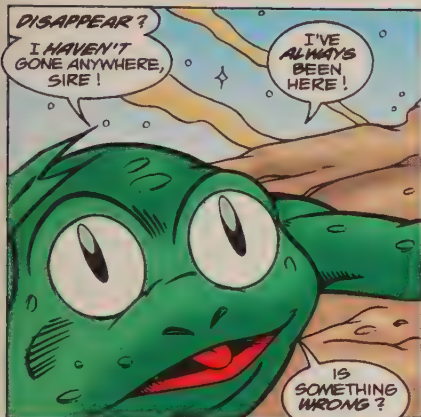
ALL THEY ASK IS A
CRUMB OR TWO, SIRE!

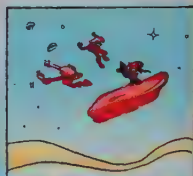
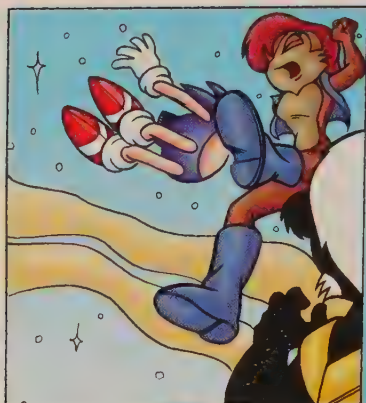
YOUR GROVELING IS IMPECCABLE, AS
ALWAYS, MY FAITHFUL FOOTSTOOL!

BUT
YOUR TIMING
LEAVES A LOT
TO BE
DESIRED!

HOWEVER--







WAIT!

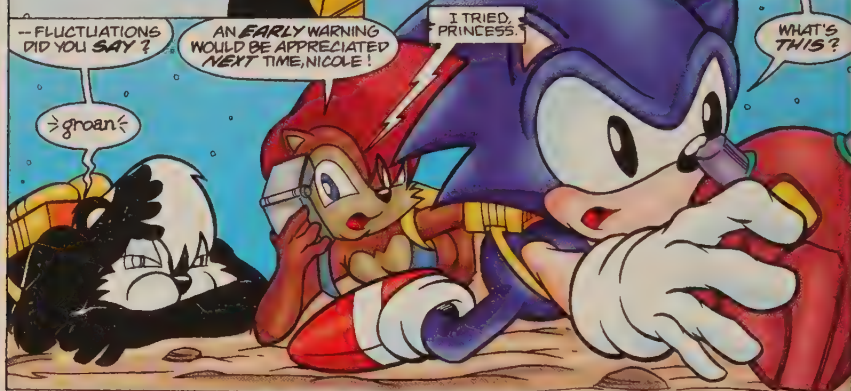
—FLUCTUATIONS
DID YOU SAY?

AN EARLY WARNING
WOULD BE APPRECIATED
NEXT TIME, NICOLE!

I TRIED,
PRINCESS.

WHAT'S
THIS?

>groan<



IT'S THE HELMET YOUR
FATHER WAS WEARING
WHEN WE LAST SAW
HIM!*

BUT THAT
WOULD MEAN—
THAT—

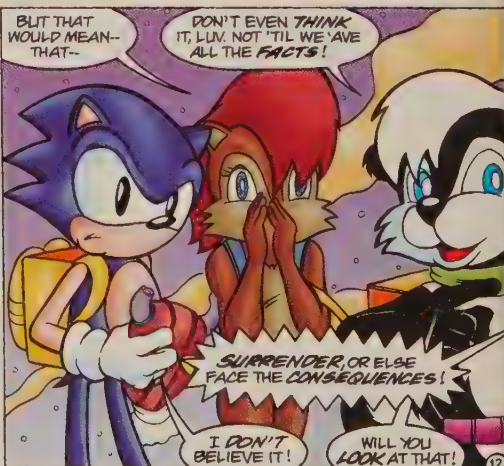
DON'T EVEN THINK
IT, LUV. NOT 'TIL WE'VE
ALL THE FACTS!

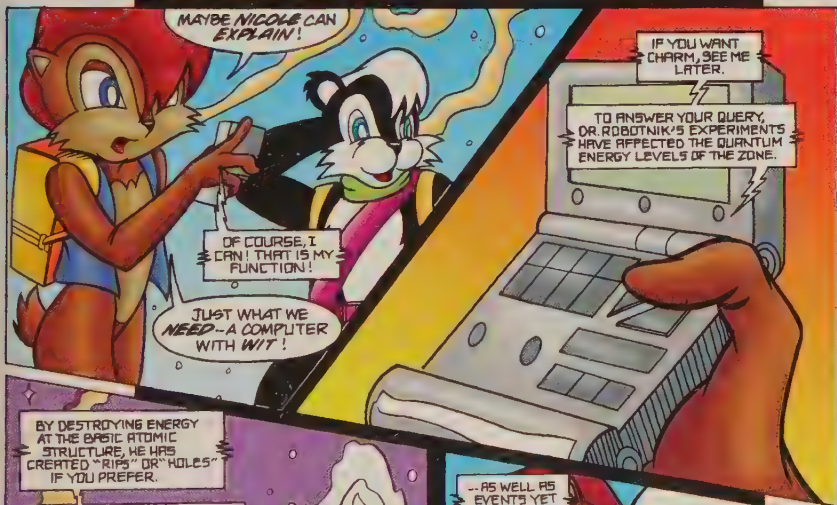
**SURRENDER, OR ELSE
FACE THE CONSEQUENCES!**

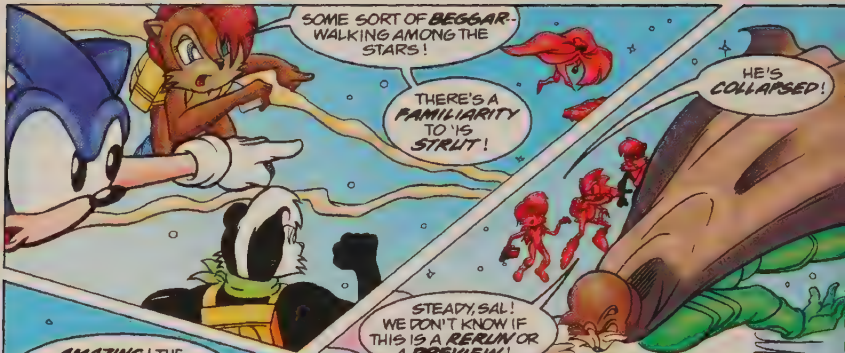
I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!

WILL YOU
LOOK AT THAT!

*WE REFER ONCE MORE
TO SONIC #36—EDITOR.







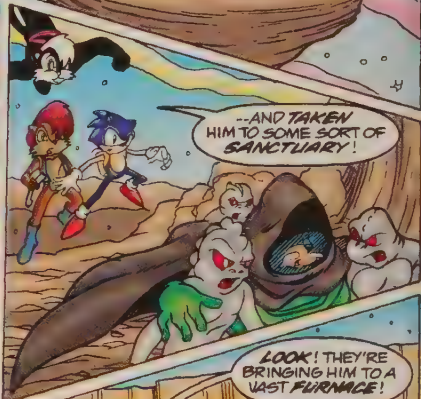
SOME SORT OF BEGGAR-
WALKING AMONG THE
STARS!

THERE'S A
FAMILIARITY
TO 'IS
STRUT!

HE'S
COLLAPSED!

STEADY, SAL!
WE DON'T KNOW IF
THIS IS A RERUN OR
A PREVIEW!

AMAZING! THE
SAME CREATURES WE
SAW WITH YOUR DAD HAVE
COME ALONG



--AND TAKEN
HIM TO SOME SORT OF
SANCTUARY!

LOOK! THEY'RE
BRINGING HIM TO A
VAST FURNACE!

I THINK
THE OPERATIVE
WORD IS "LAD",
LUV!

--IT'S
KING ACORN!

THEY'RE
TAKING HIS
HOOD OFF,
AND--



THEY HAVE
DADDY!

WHY
CAN'T WE
HEAR ANY-
THING?

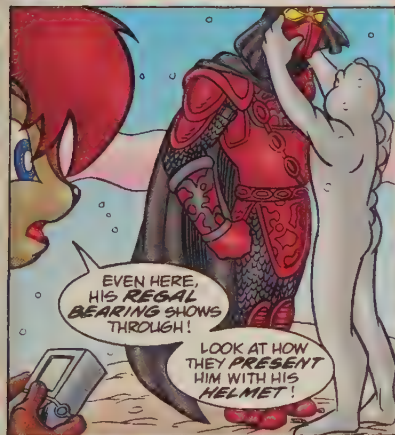
NICOLE?

ALL EVIDENCE SUPPORTS MR. ST. JOHN'S
OPINION WE ARE WATCHING EVENTS THAT
TOOK PLACE SOME TIME AGO!



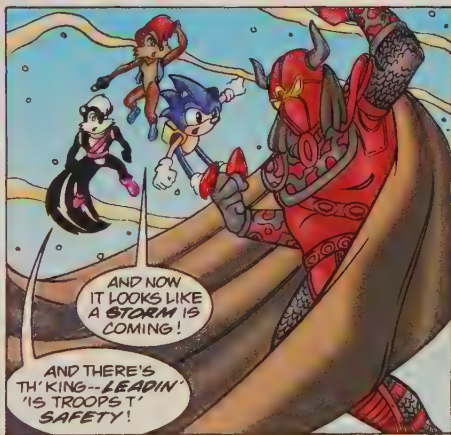
THE FURTHER BACK
AN EVENT TOOK
PLACE, THE LESS
REAL IT SEEMS!

THEY'RE FITTING HIM WITH
ARMOR--THE SAME ARMOR
WE FOUND HIM IN!



EVEN HERE,
HIS REGAL
BEARING SHOWS
THROUGH!

LOOK AT HOW
THEY PRESENT
HIM WITH HIS
HELMET!



AND NOW
IT LOOKS LIKE
A STORM IS
COMING!

AND THERE'S
TH' KING--LEADIN'
'IS TROOPS'
SAFETY!

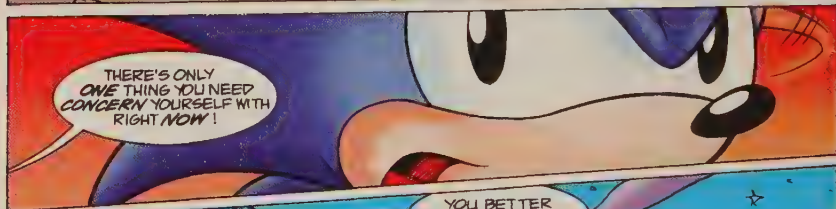


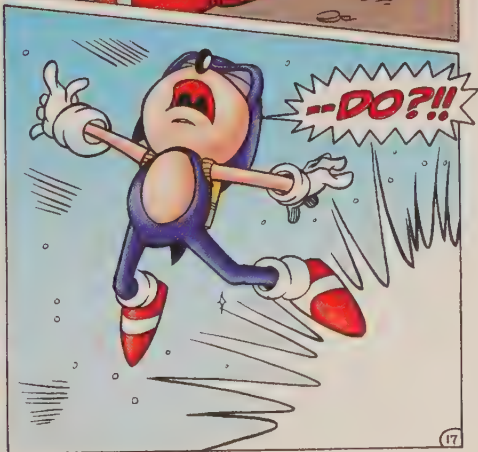
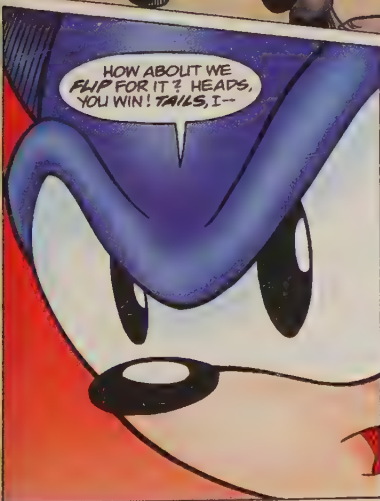
WAIT!
THIS STORM ISN'T
ANY IMAGE!

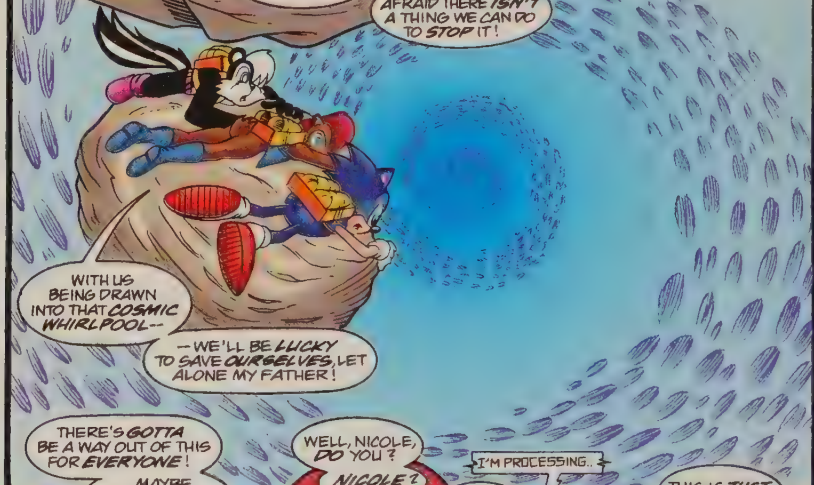
IT'S
REAL!



**HANG
LOOSE!!**







INTERESTING
POINT!

JUST WHY
AREN'T THE
JET PACKS
WORKING?

ESSENTIALLY,
THEY'RE OUT
OF FUEL.

WELL, YES,
THAT'S AS GOOD
AN EXPLANATION
AS ANY, I
SUPPOSE!

ANY WAY, CAN
WE RECHARGE
THEM?

ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO ACCESS ENERGY WITH
A POSITIVE CHARGE.

CAN'T
RUN ON JUST
ANYTHING,
EH?

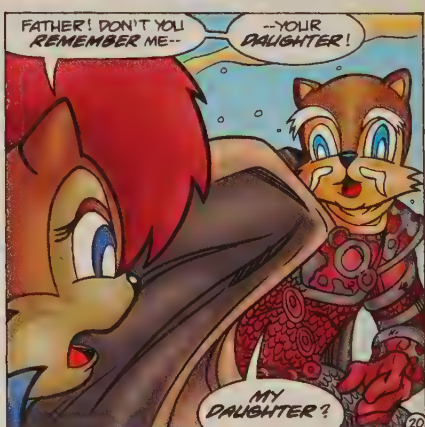
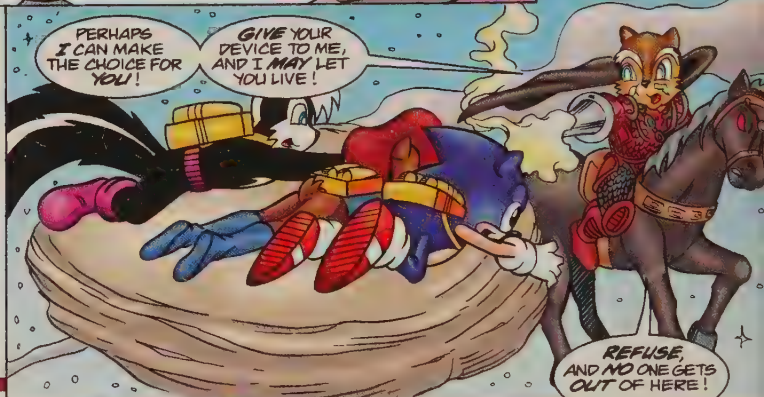
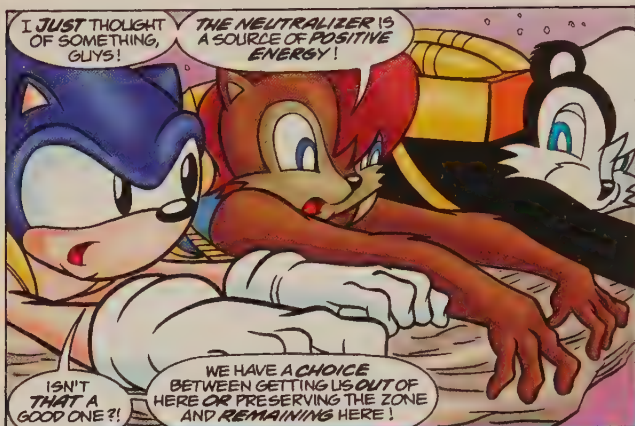
IT
FIGURES.

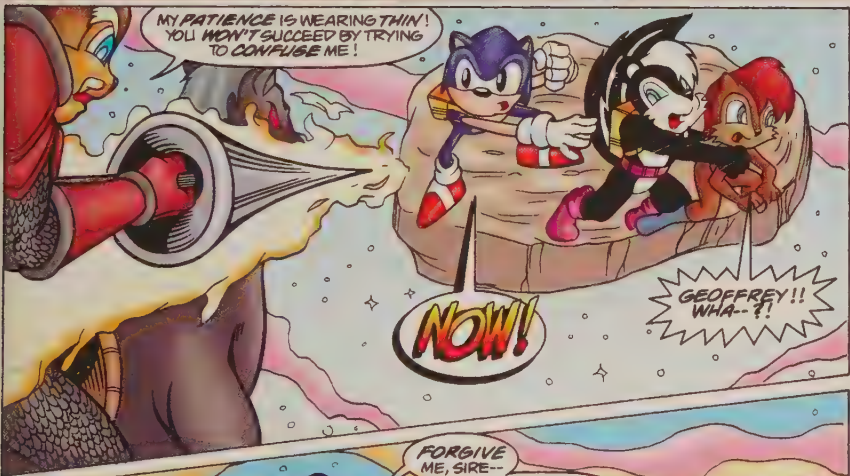
WAIT!
WHAT'S
THAT?!

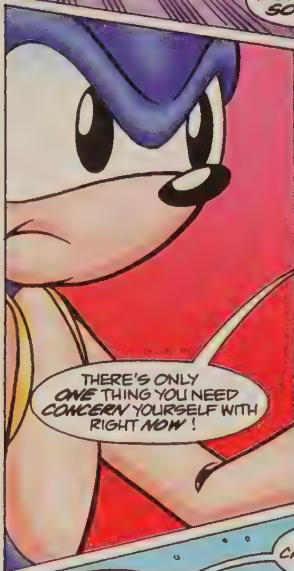
ONE THING'S
FOR SURE--

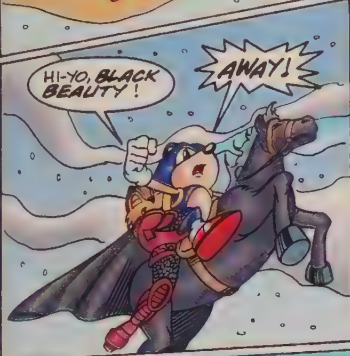
--WHATEVER IT
IS, IT'S GOT PLENTY
O' COMPANY!

KING ACORN'S
MINIONS! THEY'RE
HEADING INTO THE
WHIRLPOOL!









"--THIS ONE'S FOR ALL THE MARBLES!"



ROTOR! THE
PORTAL!

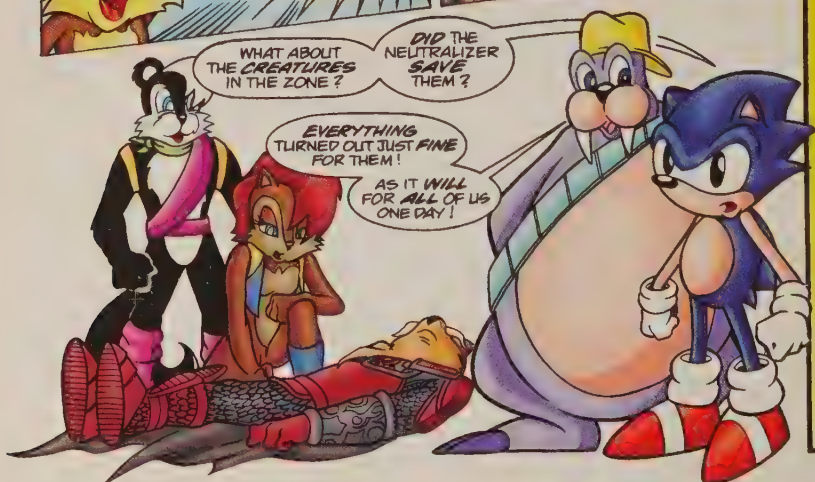
WAY AHEAD
OF YOU,
TAILS!

IS EVERYONE
ALRIGHT?



GET DOCTOR
QUACK
IMMEDIATELY,
ROTOR!

HE'S GOT A VERY
IMPORTANT PATIENT
WAITING FOR
HIM!



WHAT ABOUT
THE CREATURES
IN THE ZONE?

DID THE
NEUTRALIZER
SAVE
THEM?

EVERYTHING
TURNED OUT JUST FINE
FOR THEM!

AS IT WILL
FOR ALL OF US
ONE DAY!

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TYRANNY-- LIKE A DARK CLOUD IT SHADOWS A LAND, CAUSING THE VALIANT TO REBEL, CREATING WAR...

WAR-- ITS SOLDIERS ARE OFTEN CALLED **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, WHO ARE SOMETIMES DRIVEN TO DESPERATE ACTS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED NEUTRALITY...

NEUTRALITY-- A POSITION IN WAR THE FABLED **FLOATING ISLAND** HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AS ITS NATIVES LOOK FOR HOPE FROM ITS **GUARDIAN**...

GUARDIAN--THE ONE BEING THEY DEPEND ON TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DESPERATE ACTS OF THOSE IN SEARCH OF **FREEDOM** AND THEIR WAR'S INVASION...

INVASION-- SOMETHING **KNUCKLES** THE **ECHIDNA** NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTENT WITH FROM THE LIKES OF **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**!

ARE YOU CRAZY-- BARGING IN HERE AND DEMANDING I FORK OVER MY **CHAOS EMERALD** ?!

WITHOUT IT, MY ISLAND WILL FALL!

I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT -- THE FATE OF **MOBIUS** DEPENDS ON IT!

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 1

ROBOTNIK JUST TRIED TO
SINK MY ISLAND*--NOW YOU
WANT TO FINISH THE JOB?!



BRACK!

OFF!! NO, BUT
DURING THAT BATTLE
I LEARNED YOU HAD
A SPARE EMERALD WHICH
YOU STOLE FROM THE
POWER RING GROTTO! **

THAT GROTTO'S ON WHAT
USED TO BE ROYAL REAL ESTATE
AND BY RIGHTS IT BELONGS TO KING
ACORN'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS!



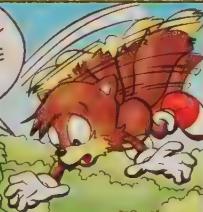
KRAK!

UGH!! SEZ YOU! I
NEED THAT EXTRA EMERALD
FOR "HOME OWNER'S INSURANCE"
AND I WON'T GIVE IT UP!

*NO, YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING, FANS. READ
THE SONICQUEST LIMITED SERIES FOR THE
LOWDOWN.ON SALE NOW!--EDITOR-X1

* SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES#1-EDITORX2

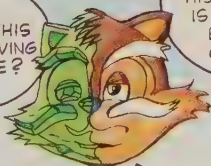
SONIC!
KNUCKLES! STOP!
THIS WON'T SAVE
KING ACORN'S
LIFE!



WHAT'S
HE MEAN?
THE KING'S
IMPRISONED!

NOT ANY
MORE! WE
FINALLY RESCUED
HIM FROM THE
ZONE OF
SILENCE! ***

THEN
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT SAVING
HIS LIFE?



SOME UNKNOWN
SIDE EFFECT OF
HIS IMPRISONMENT
IS TURNING HIS
BODY INTO
CRYSTAL! ****



**** SONICQUEST #1--
"TOO MANY FOOT-
NOTES EDITOR"! (2)

*** LAST ISSUE -- EDITOR X3



"WE TRIED TO USE A **POWER RING** TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH, BUT IT FAILED!*" ***SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR**



"AND WHEN TAILS SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A **CHAOS EMERALD*** I FIGURED MAYBE A REAL ONE WOULD DO THE TRICK!"



BESIDES, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD USE ITS POWER AGAINST BUTTNIK'S NEW KICK-BUTT INVENTIONS!

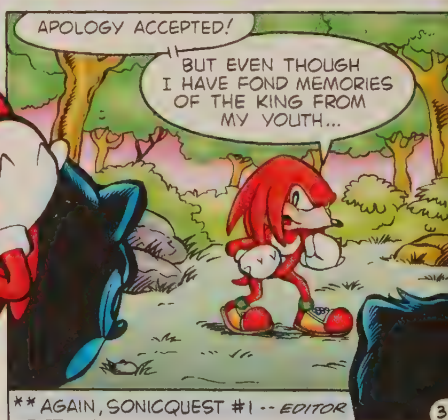
IF IT'S POWER YOU NEED, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET MORE RINGS FROM THE GROTTO?



WE GOT THE ONES ROBOTNIK--
=MMPH!?

WHAT HE MEANS IS WE TRIED, BUT BUTTNIK** SUCKED IT DRY!

SORRY I WAS HASTY, BUT NOW YOU KNOW I'VE GOTTA HAVE THAT EMERALD!



APOLOGY ACCEPTED!

BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE KING FROM MY YOUTH...

** AGAIN, SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR

...**"THE"** SURVIVAL OF MY
HOMELAND IS AS IMPORTANT
AS YOUR **REBELLION**--

--NO EMERALD'S GONNA
LEAVE THIS ISLAND,
AND THAT'S **FINAL!**

OK, I'M THROUGH
FIGHTING, BUT I THINK
YOU'RE GOING TO **REGRET**
NOT HELPING PRINCESS
SALLY SAVE HER
FATHER!

I **ALREADY**
AM, PAL ... I
ALREADY AM...

AS ONE "DOOR" CLOSES ON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
ANOTHER OPENS IN **KNOTHOLE** THE NEXT DAY...

HEY, SAL! I'M
HAPPY TO SAY I'M
FINALLY FINISHED WITH
THAT REPORT.*

"HAPPY"?! FOR
CONQUERING HEROES,
YOU LOOK MIGHTY
GLUM!

THAT'S CAUSE
SONIC KICKED
KNUCKLES' BUTT
AGAIN BUT HE
DIDN'T WANT
ME TO SAY--

--OOPPS!

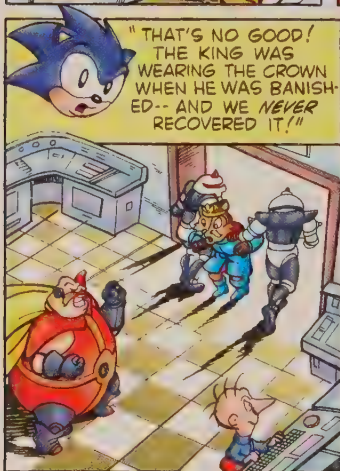
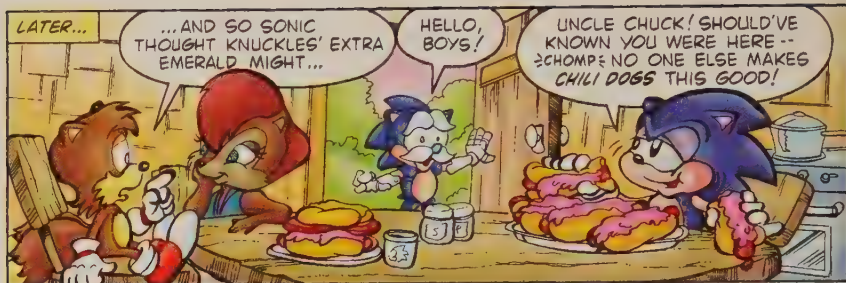
* FOR THE DETAILS OF THAT
REPORT, READ THE **SONICQUEST**
SERIES-- ON SALE NOW! **EDITOR**

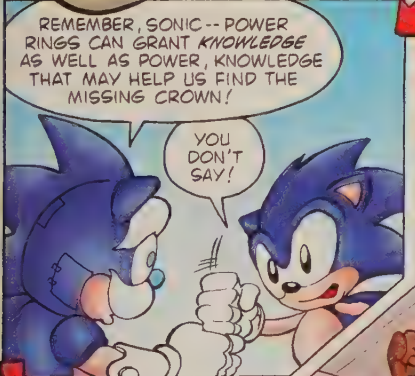
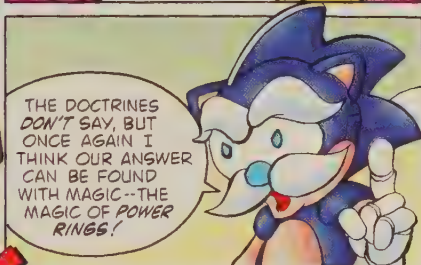
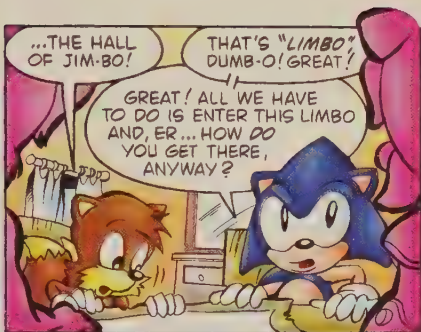
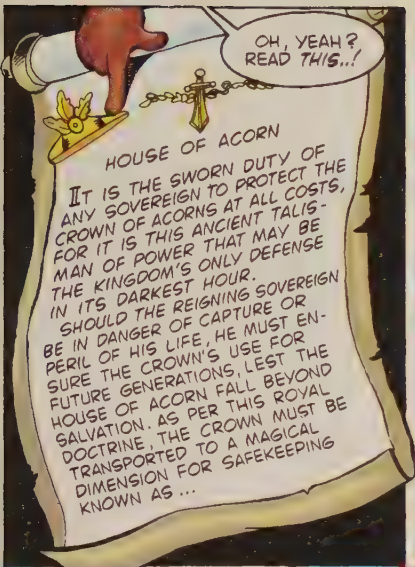
SONIC! HOW
MANY TIMES DO
I HAVE TO
TELL YOU...

ERR... WHY DON'T YOU SEE IF **ROTOR** CAN
HELP YOUR DAD WITH THESE **POWER RINGS**
WE CAUGHT** WHILE I FEED
OUR "CONQUERING
HERO"!

WAIT'LL
I GET YOU
OUTSIDE,
BLABBER-
MOUSE!

** AGAIN, **SONICQUEST**
-- HINT! HINT!-- **EDITOR**





ACCORDING TO ANTOINE & BUNNIE'S REPORT, A RING APPEARS OUT OF THE LAKE ONCE EVERY HOUR. THE NEXT ONE IS DUE TO COME OUT IN A FEW MINUTES.

SO WHY ARE WE WAITING *HERE*, SO FAR FROM THE LAKE "AUNT" SALLY?

WELL, YOU KNOW ITS EXISTENCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A *SECRET* FROM EVERYONE BUT UNCLE CHUCK AND THE *CORE* FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 2

... BUT WE'RE WORRIED THAT THOSE *COMBOTS* MAY HAVE TRANSMITTED ITS LOCATION TO BUTTNIK AFTER AMBUSHING US!*

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SO UNCLE CHUCK SET UP A MEETING HERE WITH *FLY FREDDY* TO REPORT ON WHAT ROBOTNIK REALLY KNOWS.

THE *SPY NETWORK*** SHOULD KNOW THE SCORE...

... PROVIDING FRED EVER GETS HERE...
= WHOA =
SLEUTH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?

SORRY TO STARTLE YOU! FRED'S COVER WAS ALMOST *BLOWN*, BUT I WAS ABLE TO LEAVE ROBOTROPOLIS SAFELY!

LET ME DETAIL *HIS* REPORT WHILE WE HEAR OVER THE LAKE!

THIS ISN'T STANDARD PROCEDURE, SOLDIER!

TOO TRUE, SAL! BUT SINCE WE'RE ALREADY *BEHIND* SCHEDULE, I THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM WITH ITS LOCATION!

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MINUTES LATER...

THAT'S A
PRETTY BIZARRE
REPORT, SLEUTH!

TRUE, BUT NOW YOU
KNOW THAT ROBOTNIK
NEVER GOT ANY DATA
BEFORE SONIC DESTROYED
THE COMBOTS!

BUT THANKS TO YOUR
POOR STRATEGIC MANEUVERS TODAY
ROBOTNIK WILL NOW HAVE A NEW
SUPPLY OF POWER RINGS!

POOT!

HEY!

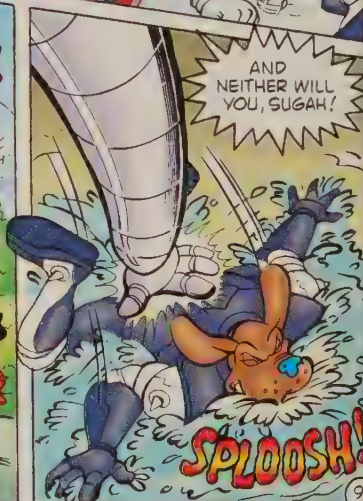
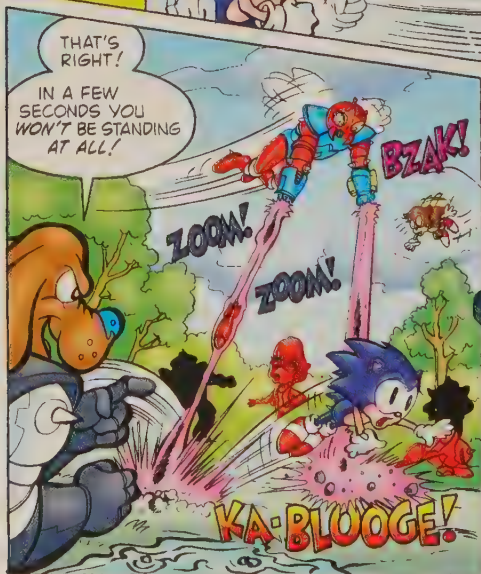
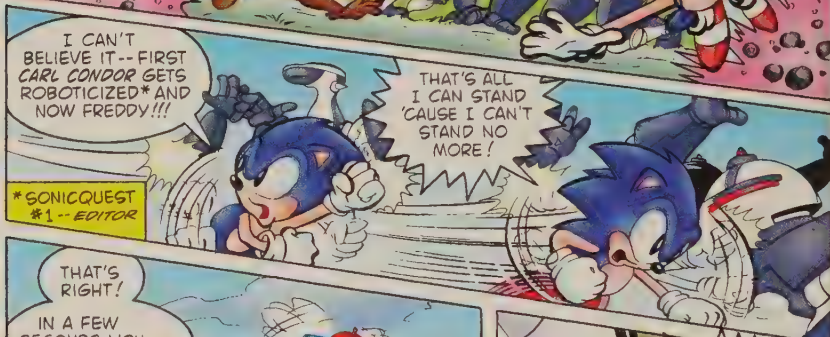
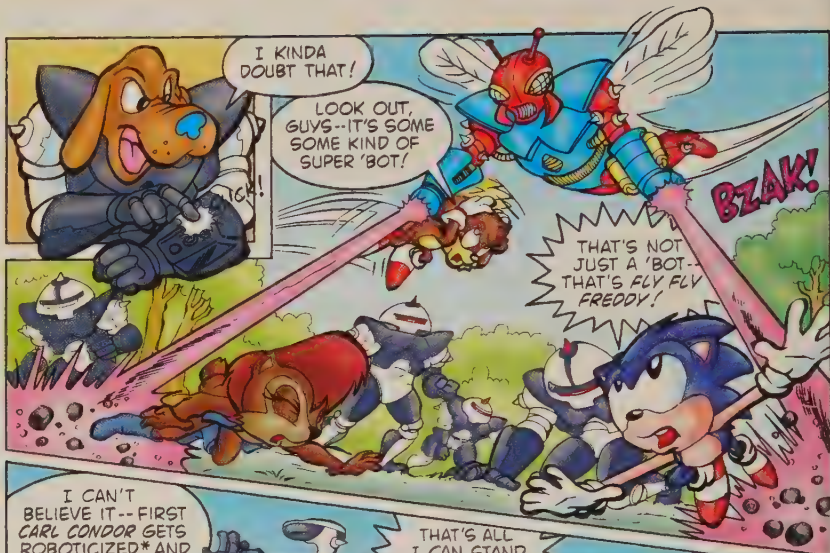
SORRY, GUYS!
BUT AS MUCH
AS I LIKED OUR
REBELLION...

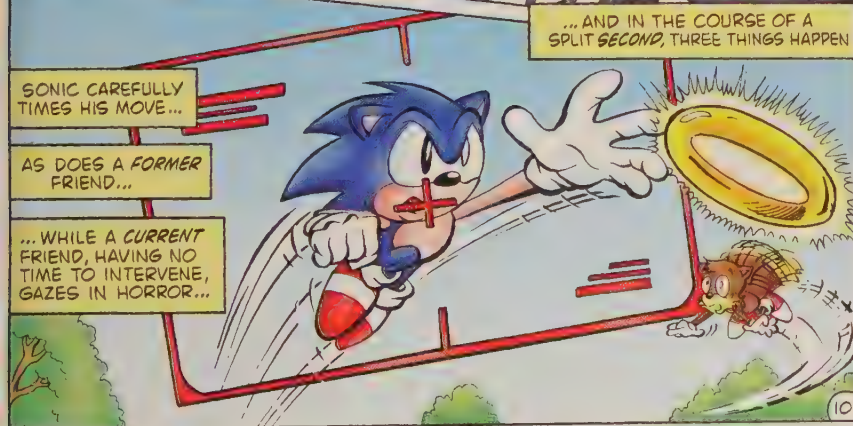
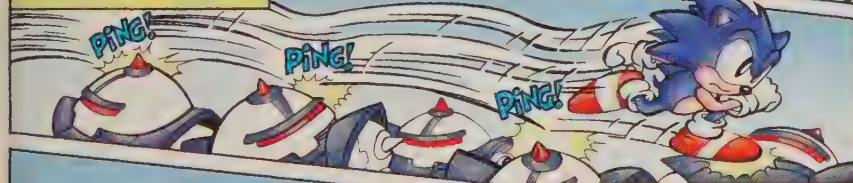
... I LOVED
ROBOTNIK'S PROMISE OF
PERSONAL POWER AND
T-BONE STEAKS, BETTER!

WHY YOU DIRTY
DOG TRAITOR...!

YUA! YOU'RE A
REAL BAD DOGGY!

... AND THE ONLY
FOOD YOU'RE GOING
TO GET IS BREAD AND
WATER... IN A PRISON
KENNEL!





THANKFULLY, THE DAWNING OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS WELL-TIMED FOR THE NEXT SECOND WITH SONIC REAPING THE REWARDS!

ZORCH!

KRASH!

I'M JUST IN TIME!

FUNNY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY-- "ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM ABOVE!"

I ONCE SAID THAT AND THEN A PIGEON FLEW OVER MY HEAD....!

POW!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU COMEDIANS, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE?!

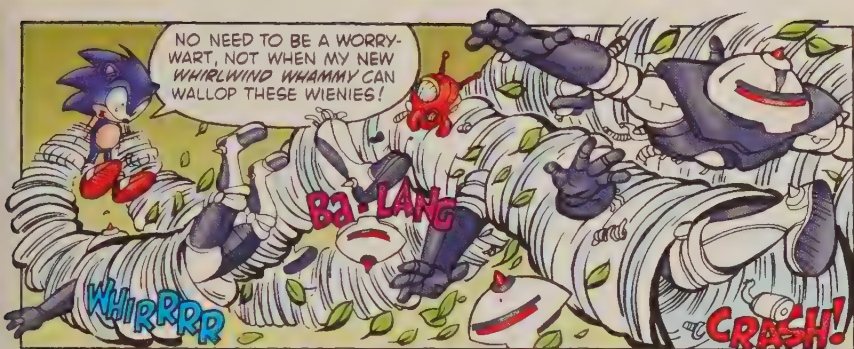
MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT NOT ONLY AM I FAST ON MY FEET...

KA-POW!

POW!

POW!

...I'M ALSO WELL-ARMED FOR BATTLE!



NO NEED TO BE A WORRY-WART, NOT WHEN MY NEW WHIRLWIND WHAMMY CAN WALLOP THESE WIENIES!

BA-LANG

WHIRRRR

CRASH!

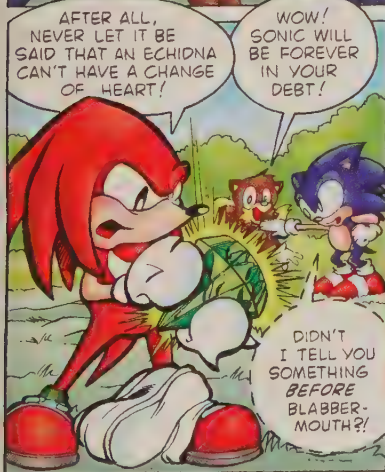


NEXT TIME, WARN US FIRST, SUGAH HOG!

NICE WORK, GUYS! NOW WE CAN MAKE THIS TRAITOR STAND TRIAL...

...AFTER WE TRY TO RESTORE FRED...

...AND AFTER WE TRY TO RESTORE THE KING!



AFTER ALL, NEVER LET IT BE SAID THAT AN ECHIDNA CAN'T HAVE A CHANGE OF HEART!

WOW! SONIC WILL BE FOREVER IN YOUR DEBT!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU SOMETHING BEFORE BLABBER-MOUTH?!



OK, TROOPS, IT'S BACK TO KNOTHOLE--

--OPERATION: SAVE THE KING IS NOW IN PHASE TWO!

END OF PART 2

SO THIS IS
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL
KINGDOM OF ACORN?!
WAR SURE LEAVES
ITS SCARS!

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE NICKEL
TOUR LATER!

RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
YOU HERE?

**"IN EVERY
KINGDOM THERE
MUST EXIST A
LITTLE CHAOS!"**

PART 3

THAT WAS MY
DOING, SONIC!

"FOR SOME TIME I'VE
SUSPECTED THERE MAY BE
A **DOUBLE AGENT** IN OUR
SPY NETWORK..."

"... AND MY FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN
FRED FAILED TO REPORT FOR ORDERS..."

"NOT KNOWING WHO I COULD NOW
TRUST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CALL
ON **OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**..."

"USING AN **OUTDATED** AND **UNTRACEABLE**
FREQUENCY, I RADIOED **KNUCKLES**..."

"NOT ONLY DID HE
AGREE TO HELP..."

... HE ALSO
CHANGED HIS MIND
ABOUT LETTING US USE
THE EMERALD!

OK, EVERYBODY,
THE SET-UP'S
COMPLETE! LET'S
CLEAR OUT!

REMEMBER,
POPS--IT'S JUST
A LOAN!

THIS DEVICE IS DESIGNED
TO RELEASE THE EMERALD'S
PURE ENERGY--LET'S HOPE
IT RESTORES HIM!

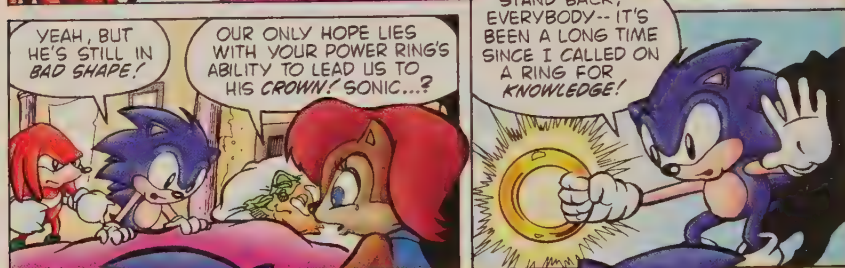
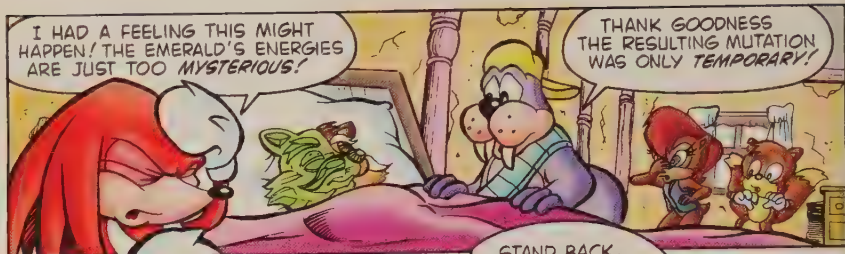
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3...2...1...

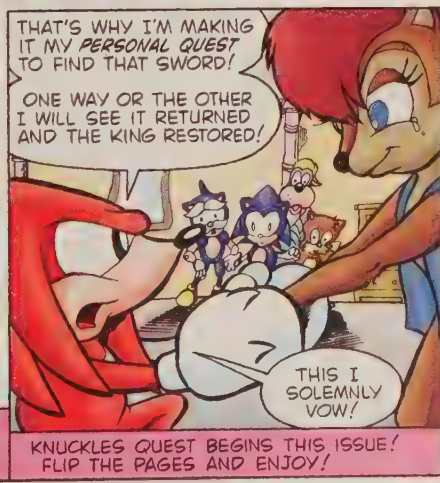
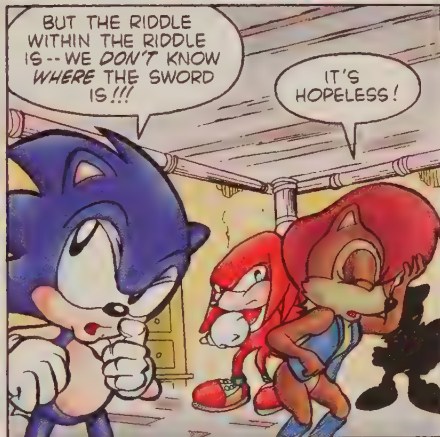
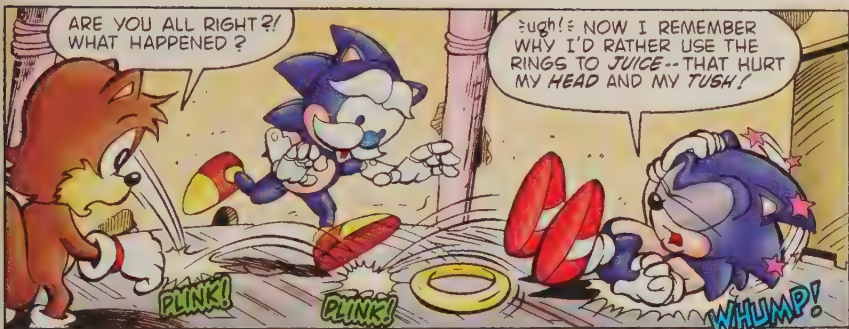
BRZZAP!

CRACKKLE!

KRIKKLE!

ROTOR, STOP!
IT'S ONLY MAKING
HIM WORSE!





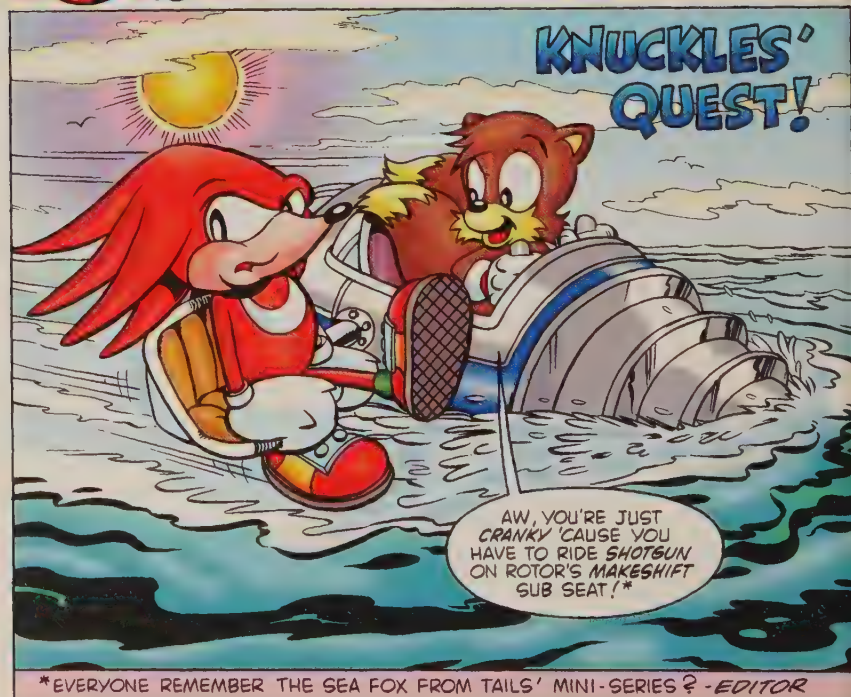


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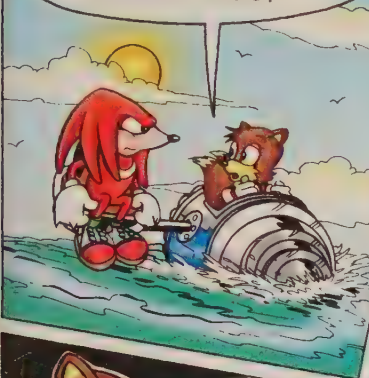
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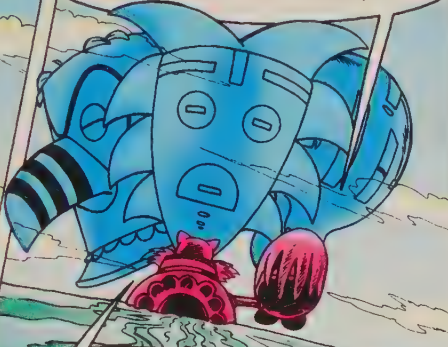


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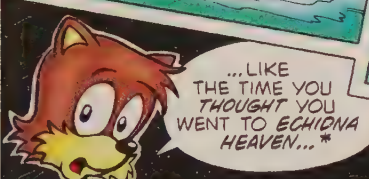
BESIDES, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IF I'M GOING TO FIND A MAGIC SWORD, I BETTER START BY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT SOURCE OF MAGIC!"



YEAH, BUT WHEN I SAID, "I'LL START MY PERSONAL QUEST BY CONTACTING THE ANCIENT WALKERS," I MEANT BY-- MY--SELF!



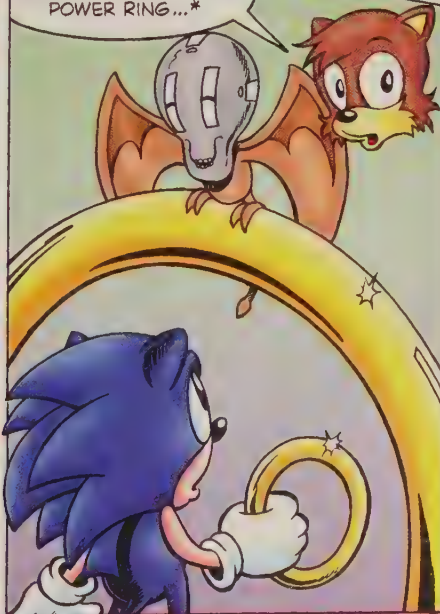
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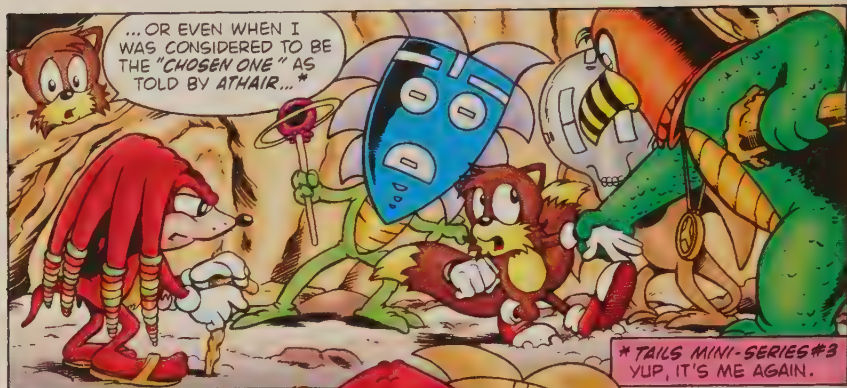


...LIKE THE TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ECHIDNA HEAVEN...*

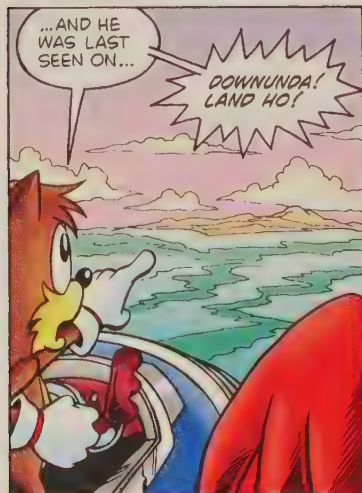
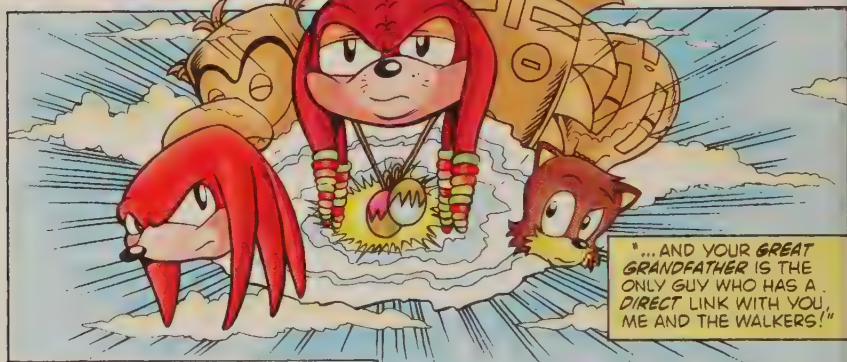


...OR WHEN SONIC CAUGHT HIS BILLIONTH POWER RING...*



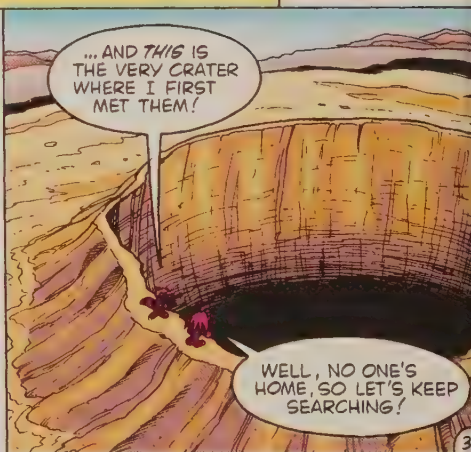


*TAILS MINI-SERIES #3
YUP, IT'S ME AGAIN.



DOWNUNDA!
LAND HO!

ONE HOUR AFTER DOCKING...



WELL, NO ONE'S HOME, SO LET'S KEEP SEARCHING!

... AND SEVERAL HOURS LATER ...

OH, NO, KID,
YOU LED US IN
CIRCLES!

BIG DEAL! I STILL SAY
WE'LL FIND ATHAIR HERE!
AFTER ALL, THIS CRATER IS
THE FORMER SITE OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND...!

WHAT?! NO WAY!
IMPOSSIBLE! OK, KID,
I THINK I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF YOUR...

THINK? DO
YOU REALLY,
IMMATURE
ONE...?

ATHAIR!

QUITE A BOLD
WORD FOR A
GUARDIAN
WHOSE ACTIONS
RESOLVE
AROUND
FISTICUFFS!

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?
YOU WERE THE ONLY MEMBER
OF OUR FAMILY WHO DIDN'T HAVE
THE COURAGE TO BECOME OUR
HOMELAND'S GUARDIAN!

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?
WISDOM DECREES THAT IT
IS BETTER TO SAFEGUARD A
UNIVERSE THAN JUST ONE
PEBBLE IN ITS BELLY!

THAT'S JUST MYSTIC
PSYCHO BABBLE!

YOU GUYS
CERTAINLY HAVE
QUITE A
HISTORY...

OUR HISTORY IS A MATTER
OF GENETICS, DOUBLE TAIL--
BUT WE HAVE NEVER MET!

LOOK, THE REASON
WE CAME HERE...HUH?!

...IS KNOWN
ONLY TOO
WELL...!

HEY, WHAT'S
THIS TRICK? WHY
IS IT GETTING
SO DARK?

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO US?!

...SO YOUR TRAVEL
TAKES YOU BACK TO
WHERE YOU STARTED...
YET YOU HAVE NOT
TRAVELED AT ALL...

YOU ARE
TRAVELING TO
THE LIMITS OF
INFINITY... BUT
THERE ARE
NO LIMITS TO
INFINITY...

HEY, THAT'S NOT
YOU TALKING...!

KER-
PLUNK!

NO, IT WAS
THEM....!

...THE
ANCIENT
WALKERS!!!

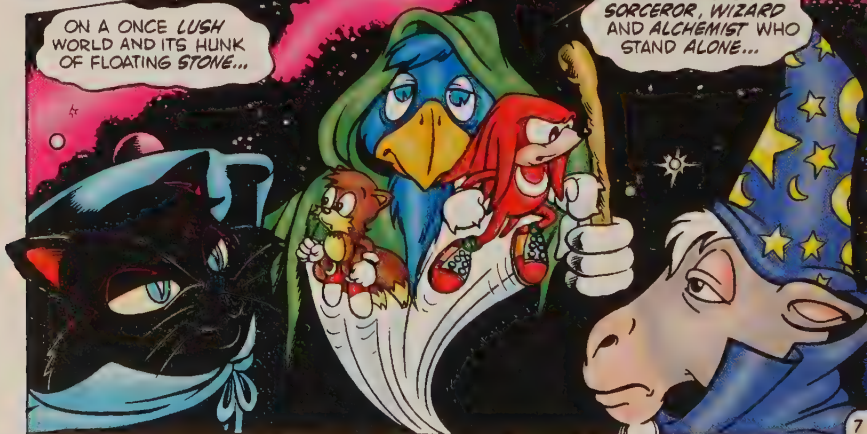
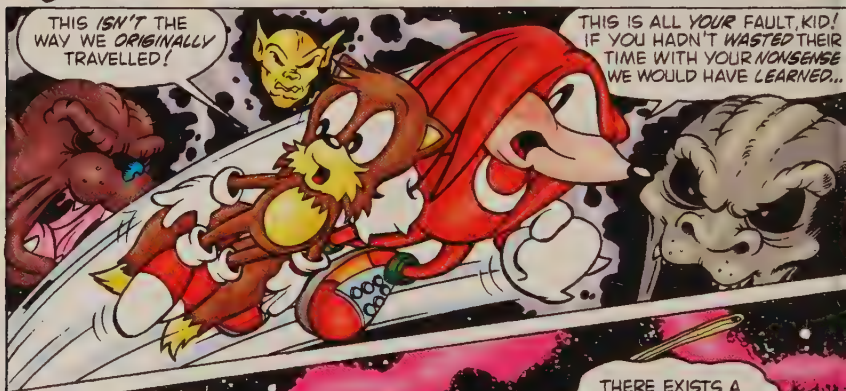
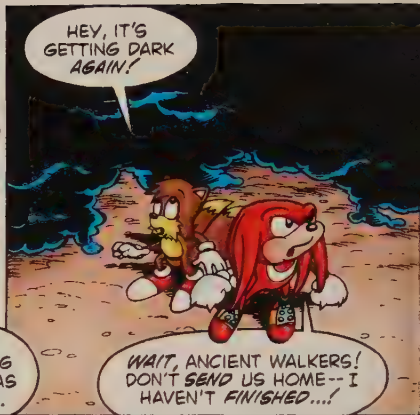
UH--HELLO! WE'RE
HERE TO SAVE KING
ACORN, YOU KNOW HIM,
RIGHT? HE'S HOME NOW,
BUT HE'S CRACKING UP-
-UHH--ERR--TURNING
TO CRYSTAL! AND WE
NEED TO KNOW HOW A
CHAOS EMERALD CAN
SAVE HIM! SO PLEASE
HELP US, OKAY?

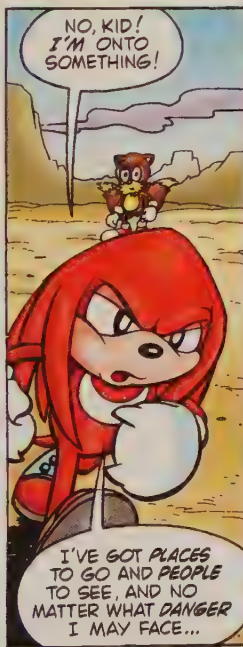
JEEZ! AND I
ACCUSED ATHAIR
OF PSYCHO
BABBLE!!

THROUGH TIME AND
SPACE AND ALTERNATE
DIMENSIONS...PROPERTIES
EXIST BEYOND
COMPREHENSION...

ARTIFACTS OF
ANCIENT AND UNFATHOMABLE
POWER...EXIST TO AID AND
MAKE MEN COWER...

COGNIZANT BY
BEINGS OF SCIENCE
AND MYSTIC SHAMAN...
A SOVEREIGN ROYAL
AND AN EMERALD
HAVE NOTHING IN
COMMON!





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OUT OF THE WAY,

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ONE HIGHLY
EXPERIENCED
PHYSICIAN COMIN'
THROUGH!

HEY!
WHERE'S
THE FIRE,
DOC?

I'VE GOT
PATIENTS TO
WORRY ABOUT AND
DISEASES TO
DIAGNOSE--

THE
Dream
ZONE
PART CONT

--AND
DOCTOR
KILDARE
WANTS A
REPORT!

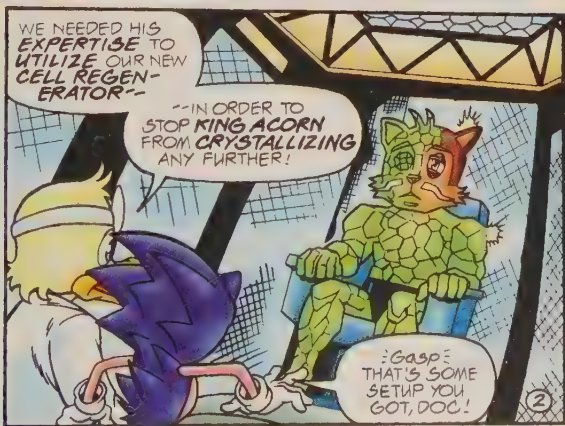
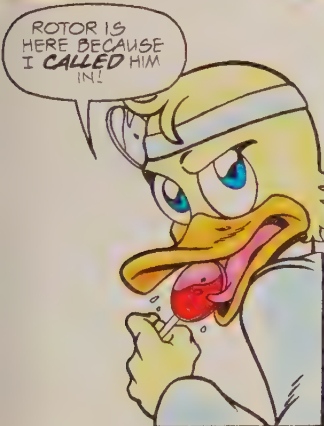
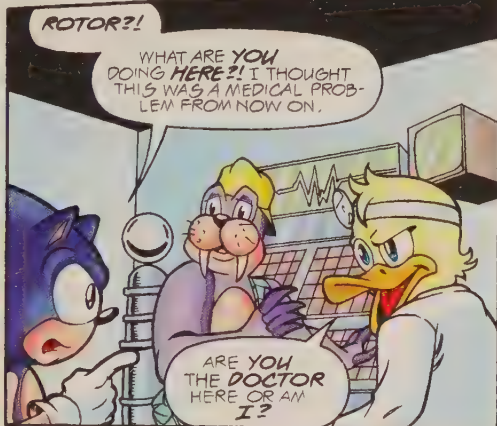
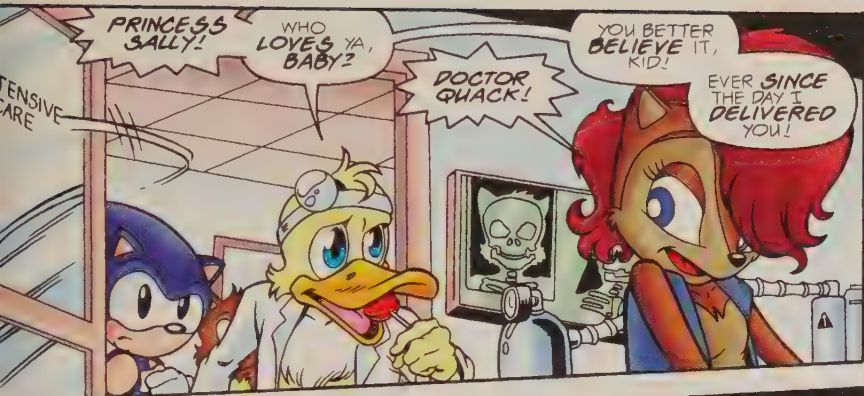
CHECK WITH
MY SECRETARY
FOR INFO, SONIC!
I HAVEN'T TIME
RIGHT NOW!

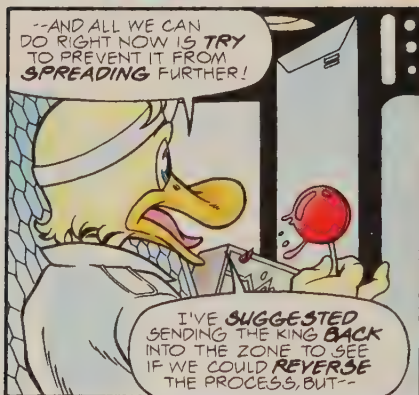
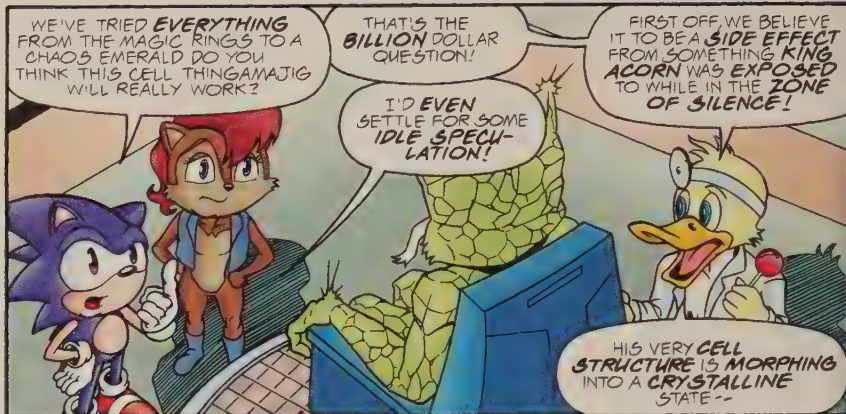
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FOLLOW HIM,
SONIC!

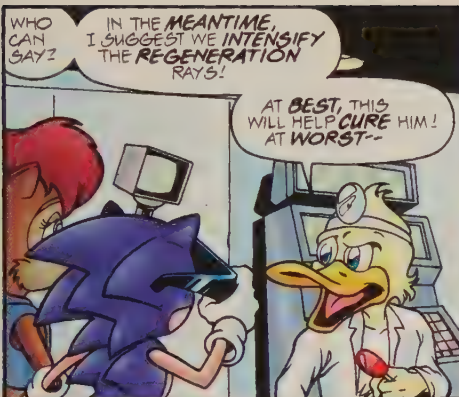
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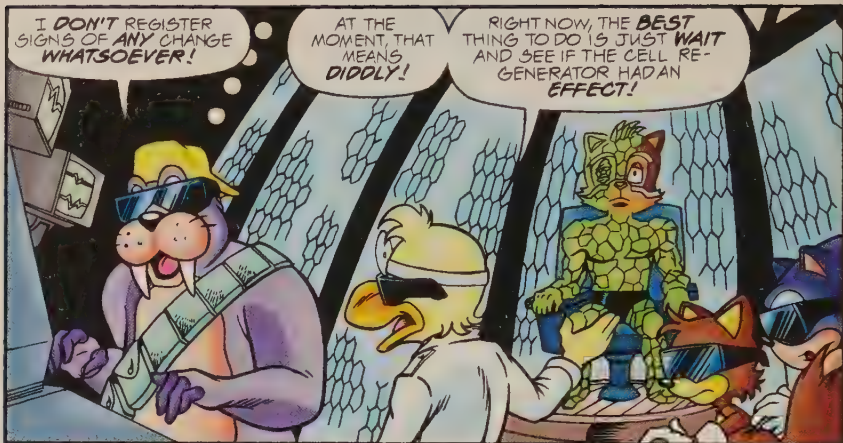
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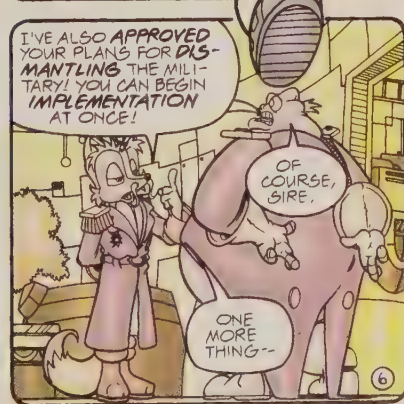
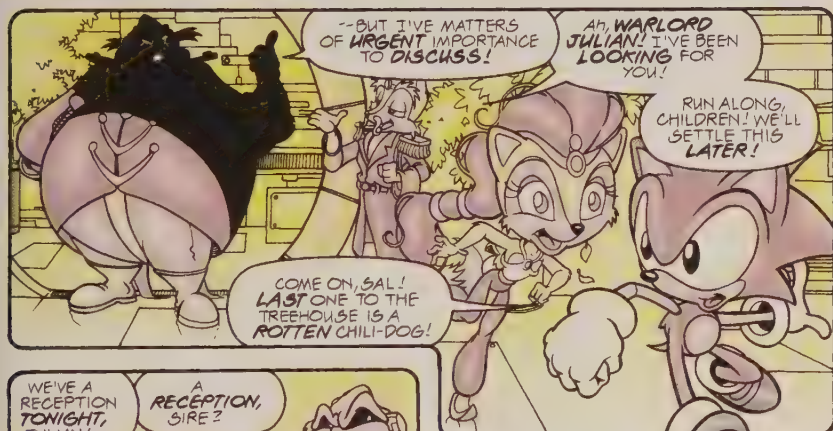
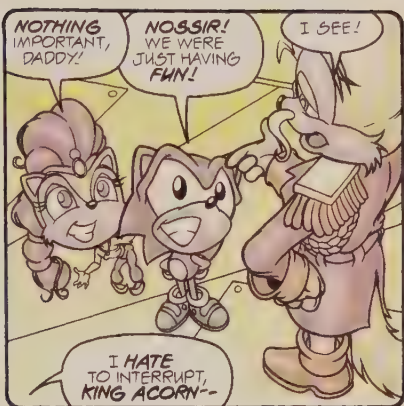


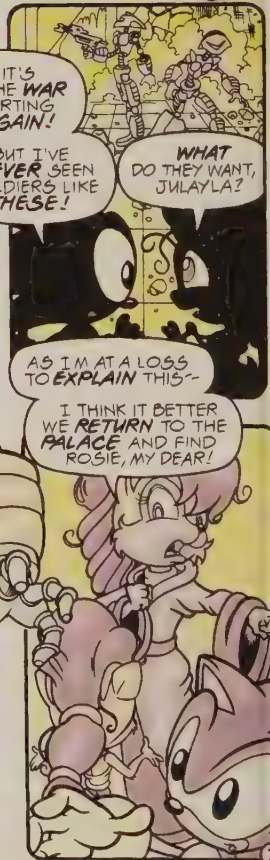
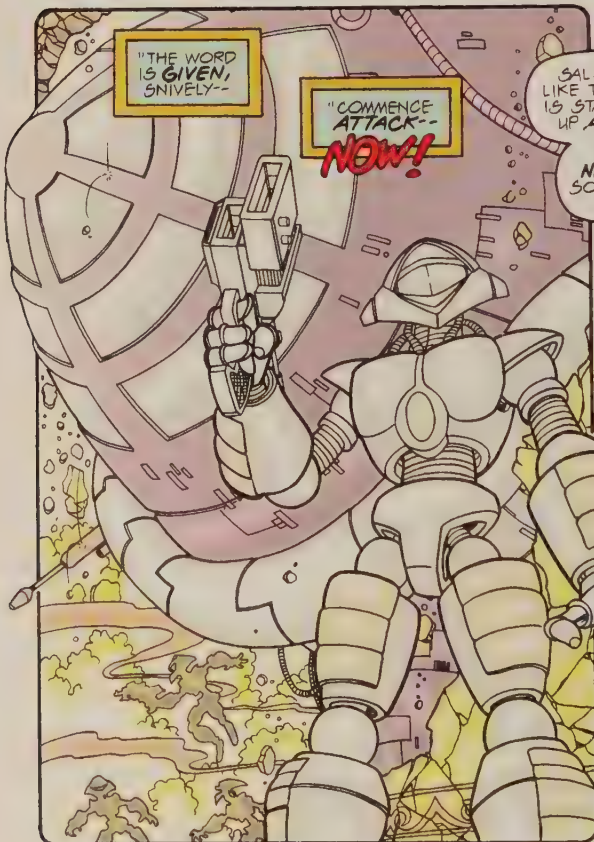
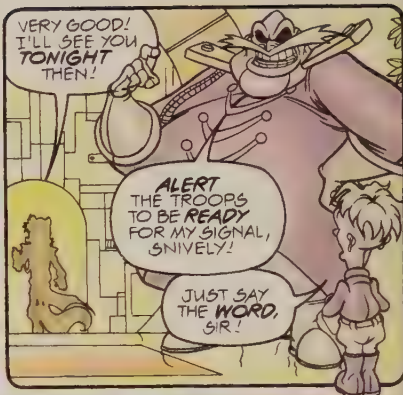
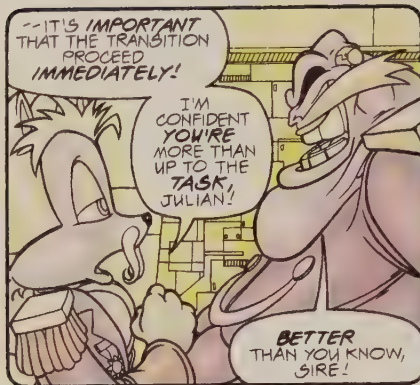


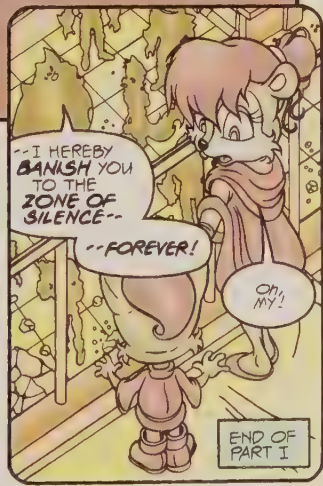
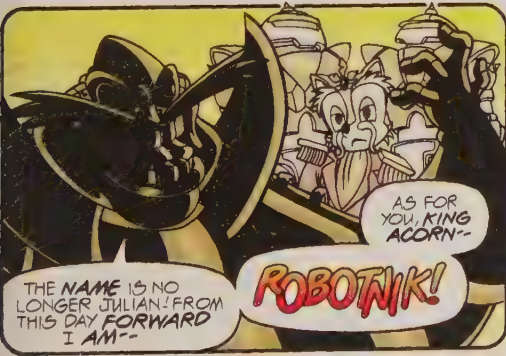
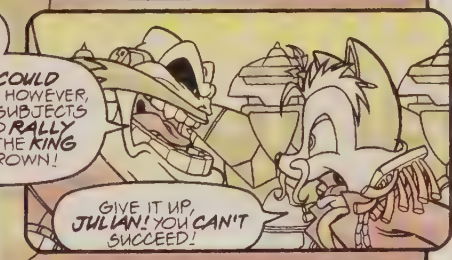
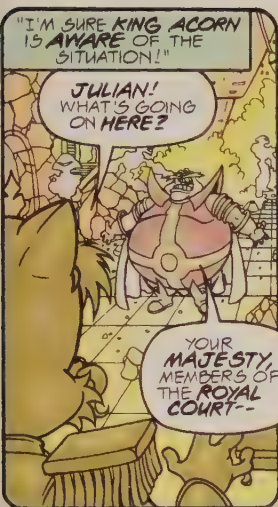












I THOUGHT IF I FOUND YOU,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

THE Dream ZONE PART TWO

ENSIVE
ARE

I'D FIND
PRINCESS
SALLY AS
WELL!

AM I
GOOD OR
WHAT, EH?

PUT A
SOCK IN IT,
ST. JOHN!

WHEN WE
NEED COMEDY
RELIEF WE'LL
ASK FOR IT!



Oh,
GEOFFREY!
I'M SO GLAD
YOU CAME!

SAL--?

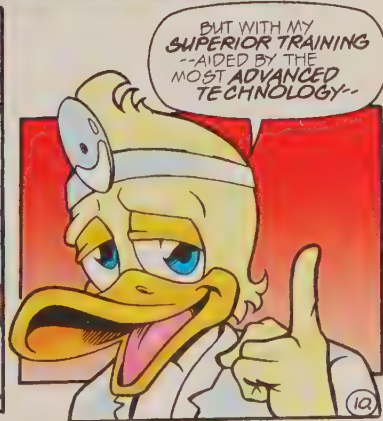
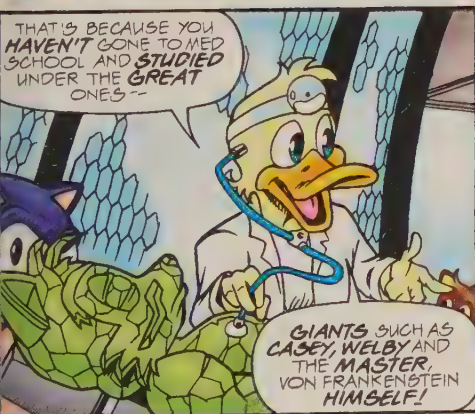
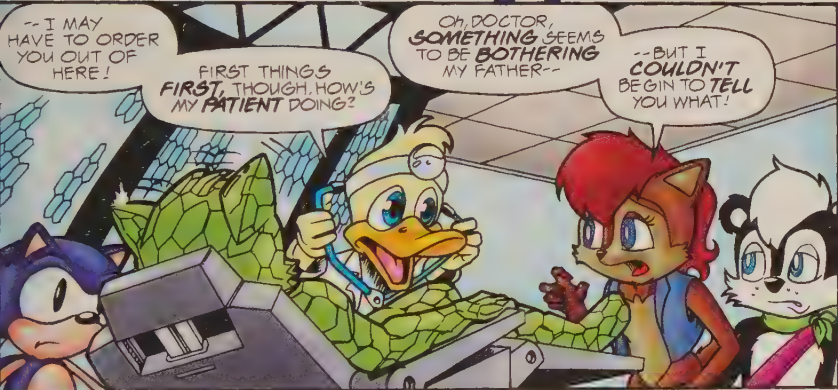
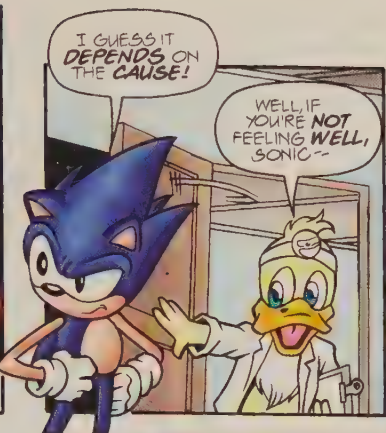


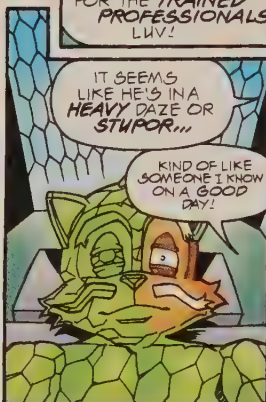
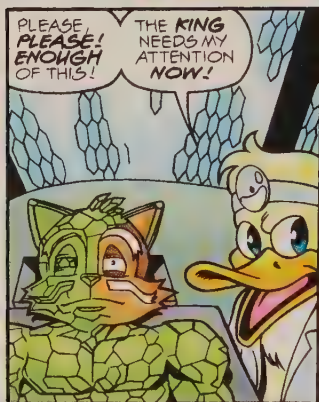
THERE, THERE,
LUV! EVERYTHING
WILL SOON BE
RIGHT FINE!

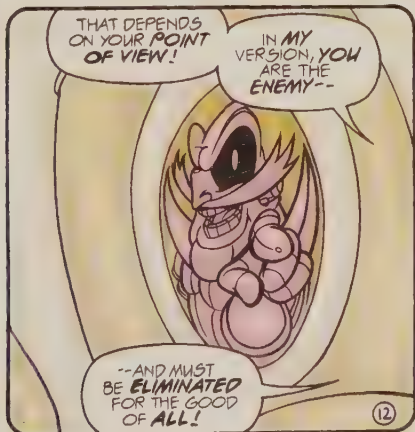
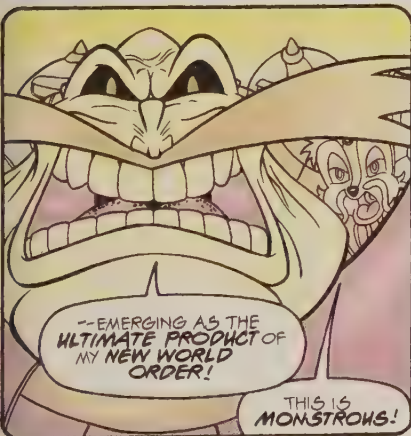
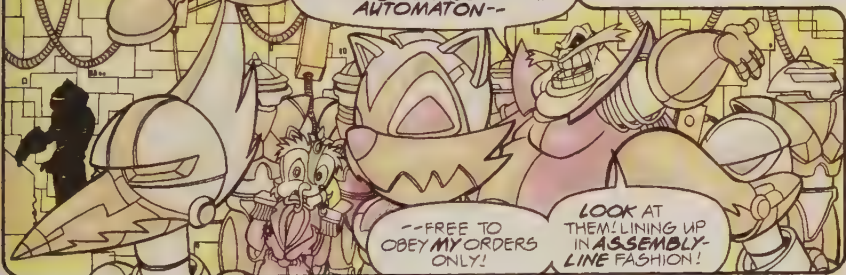
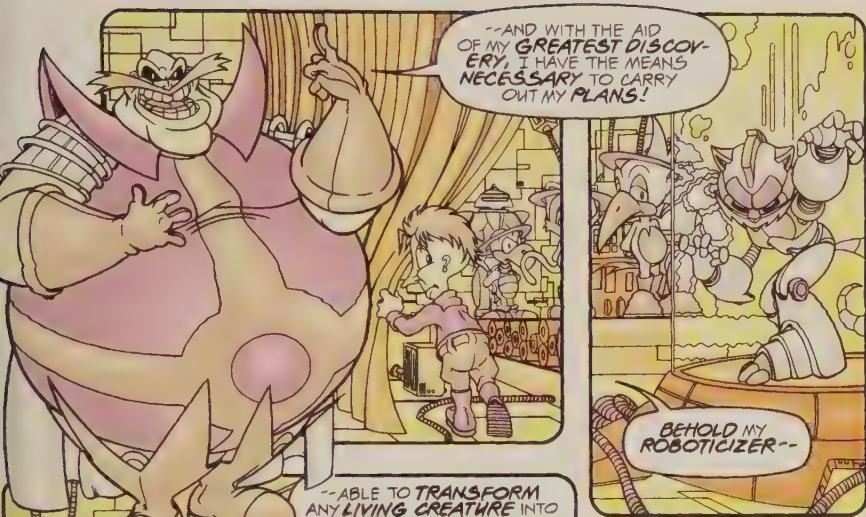
I THINK
I'M GONNA
THROW
UP!

SONIC! ARE
YOU GETTING SICK
AS WELL?











NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, JULIAN, **SOMEHOW** I WILL **STOP** YOU!

COURAGEOUS WORDS, SIRE, BUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING--

--THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE!

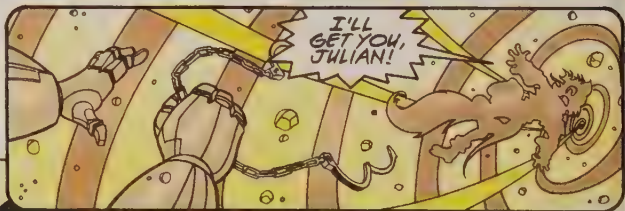
OPEN THE PORTAL!

MAY I PRESENT--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

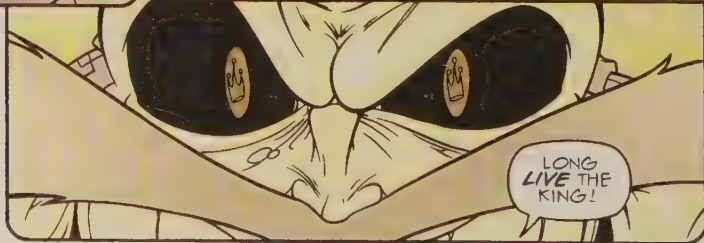
IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

BE SURE TO GIVE IXIS ITS INVENTOR AND KODOS YOUR FORMER WARLORD MY REGARDS!

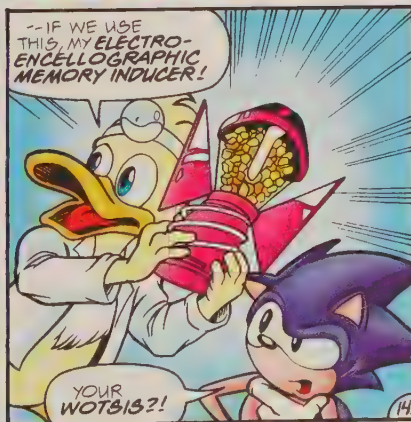
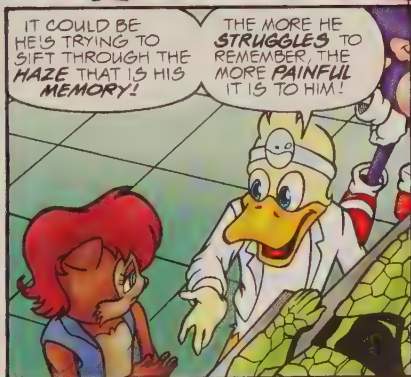
A SAFE JOURNEY, MY ONCE AND FORMER KING!

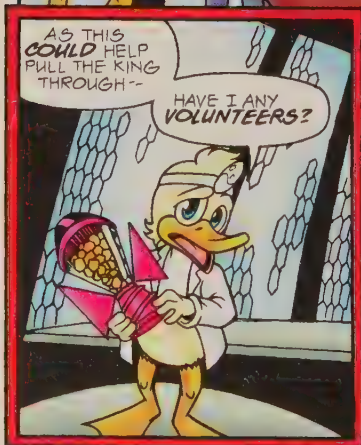
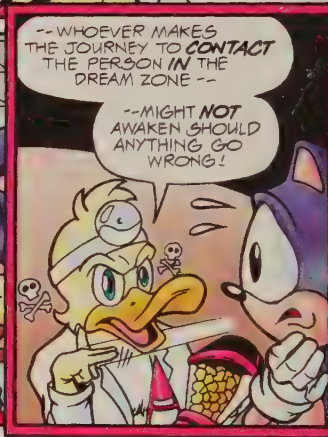
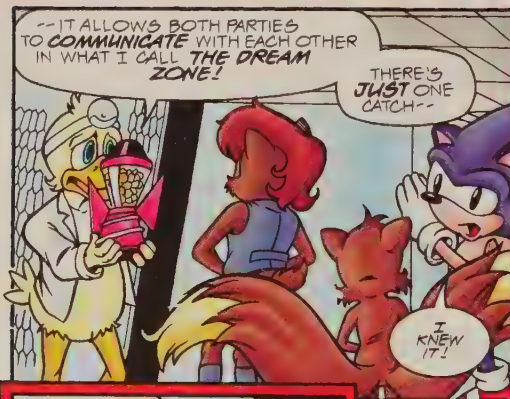
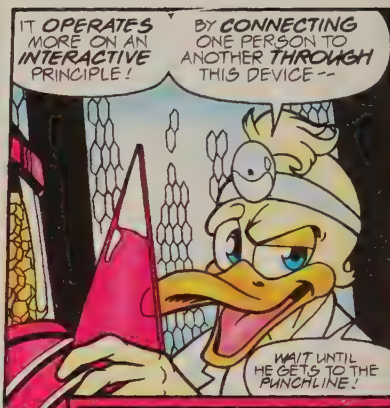


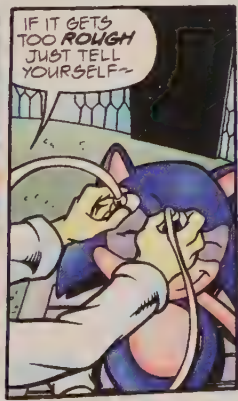
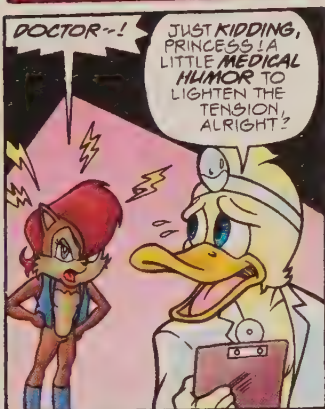
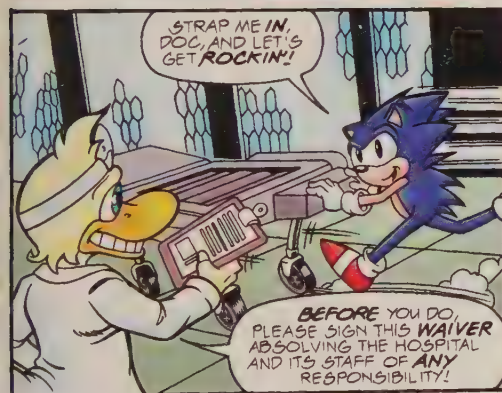
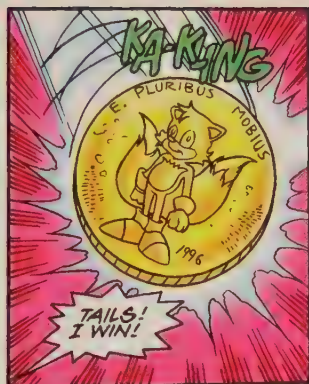
I'LL GET YOU, JULIAN!



LONG LIVE THE KING!







I DON'T BELIEVE
IT! IT'S SIR CHARLES'
NEPHEW--

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

THE Dream ZONE PART THREE

BUT WHAT
IS HE DOING
HERE?

HOW DID
HE FIND
ME?

HOO BOY!
WASN'T THAT A
WILD, STRANGE
TRIP!

THAT MEDICINE
MALLARD'S DEVICE
REALLY WORKS!

FEELS SO
DREAMLIKE, YET
SO REAL!

KIND'A LIKE THAT
VIRTUAL REALITY ENVI-
RONMENT ROBOTNIK HAD
TRAPPED US IN!*

SO ROBOTNIK
TRAPPED YOU HERE
AS WELL?

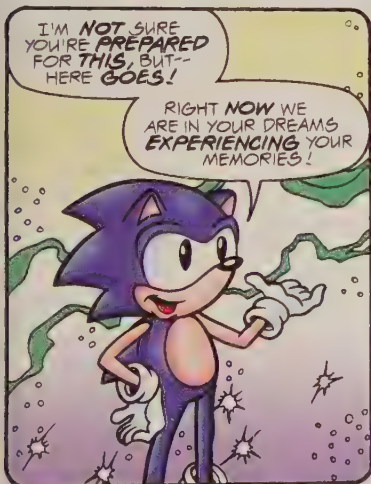
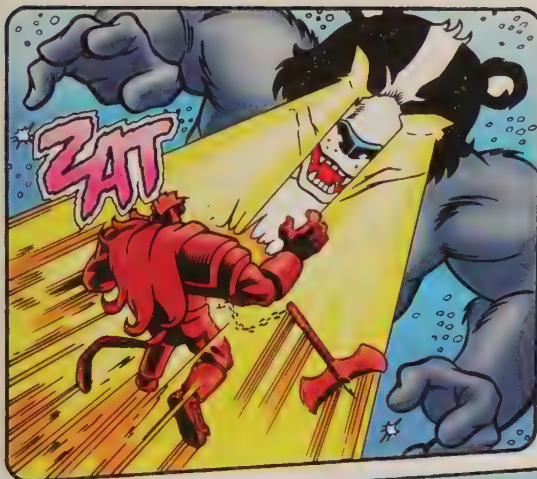
WHA--?
OH, KING
ACORN!

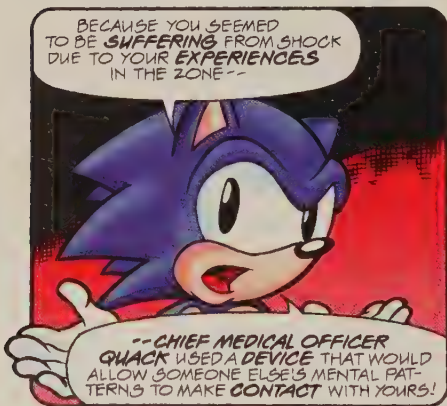
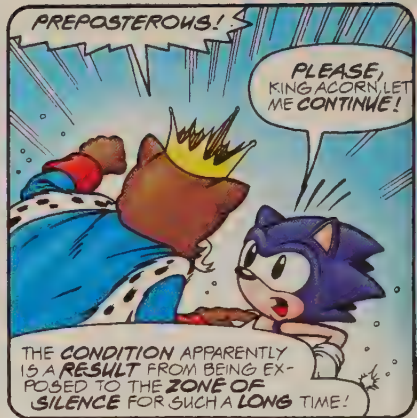
TELL ME,
SONIC, IS MY
DAUGHTER
ALRIGHT?

* WAY BACK IN SONIC #16, REMEMBER? --EDITOR









YOU HAD **LOST**
YOUR MEMORY, NO
DOUBT AS A RESULT OF
YOUR **ENCOUNTER**
WITH **FEIST**!

SO I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW YOU
WHEN YOU FOUND
ME?

YOU DIDN'T **EVEN**
KNOW YOUR OWN
DAUGHTER!

AND
ROBOTNIK?
WHAT'S HAPPENED
SINCE I WAS IN
THE **ZONE**?

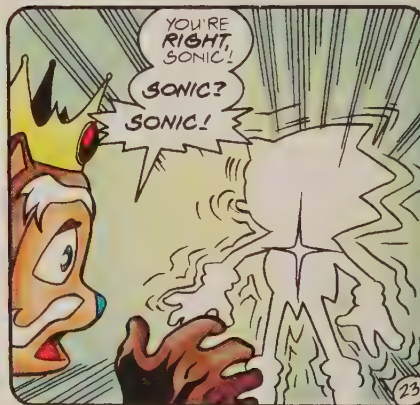
ROBOTNIK SENT
OUT HIS **ROBOT ARMY**
TO CAPTURE ALL THE
CITIZENS OF
MOBOTROPOLIS!

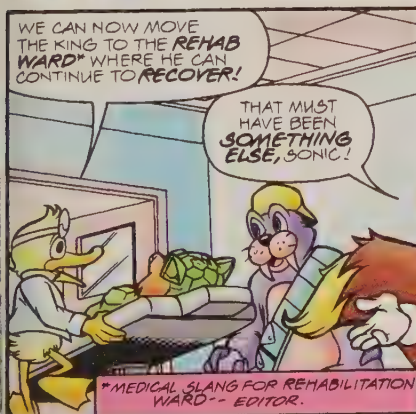
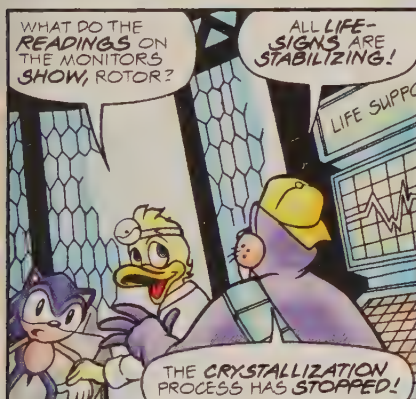
THEN, HE WOULD SEND
THEM INTO HIS **ROBOT-
ICIZER**, WHICH **TRANS-
FORMED** THEM INTO
**MINDLESS ROBOT
SLAVES**!

SOME OF US MANAGED TO MAKE
OUR WAY INTO THE **GREAT FOREST** WHERE
WE SET UP **KNOTHOLE VILLAGE**-- OUR
BASE OF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS OUR
HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

REMEMBER,
GUYS, TO **WHISTLE**
WHILE YOU
WORK!

SO WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT?





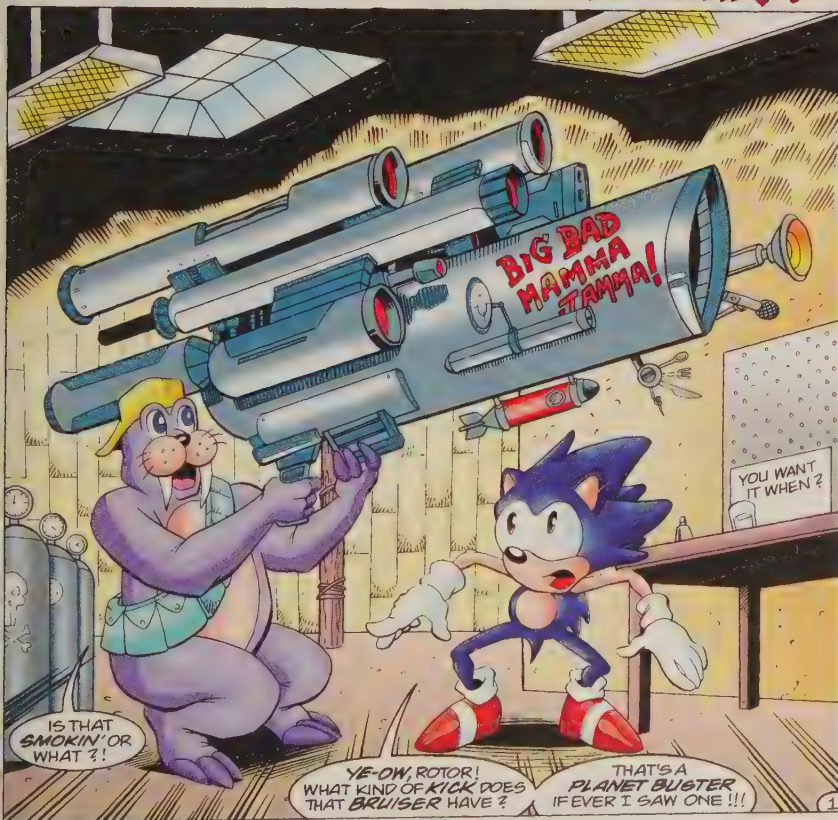
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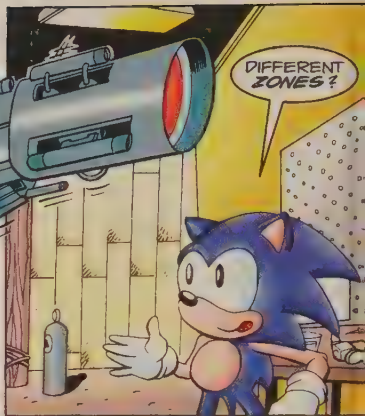


ACTUALLY, IT'S
MY PARTY-HEARTY
QUADRA-SONIC
ROCK 'N' ROLLER!



THIS THING'LL BLOW
THROUGH DOORS, WALLS,
IMPENETRABLE BARRIERS,
YOU NAME IT!

DIFFERENT
ZONES?

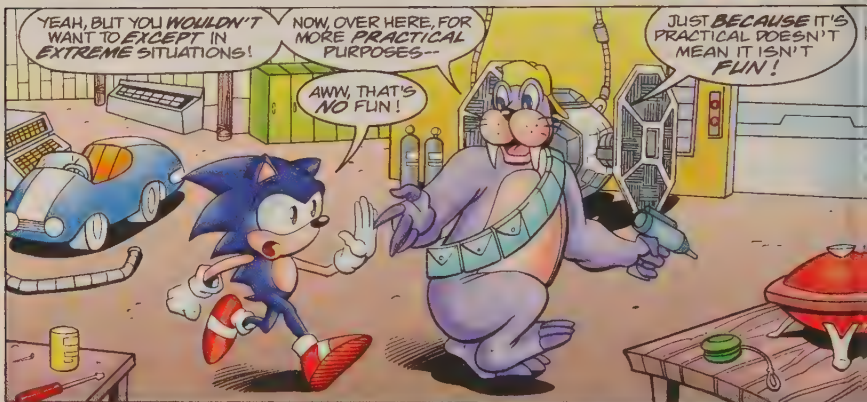


YEAH, BUT YOU WOULDN'T
WANT TO EXCEPT IN
EXTREME SITUATIONS!

NOW, OVER HERE, FOR
MORE PRACTICAL
PURPOSES--

AWW, THAT'S
NO FUN!

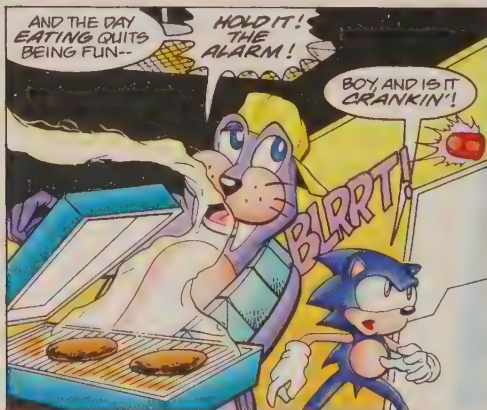
JUST BECAUSE IT'S
PRACTICAL DOESN'T
MEAN IT ISN'T
FUN!



AND THE DAY
EATING QUITS
BEING FUN--

HOLD IT!
THE ALARM!

BOY, AND IS IT
CRANKIN'!



LET'S SEE WHAT
THE BOARD
SAYS!

MAYBE SOMEBODY
TRIPPED OVER A
LOST SWATBOT!



IT'S WORSE THAN THAT

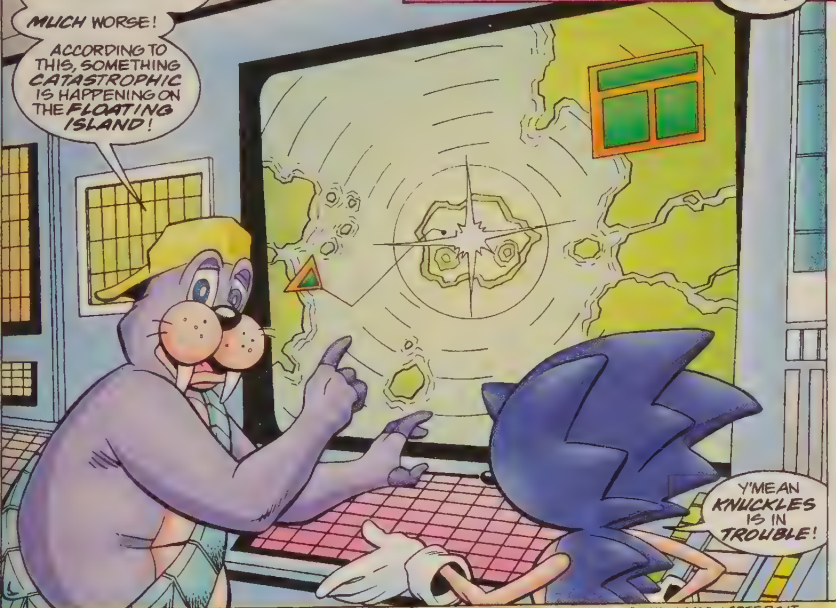
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BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART I

MUCH WORSE!

ACCORDING TO THIS, SOMETHING CATASTROPHIC IS HAPPENING ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!



Y'MEAN KNUCKLES IS IN TROUBLE!

KEN PENDERSON WRITES IT--MAMMY GALAN PENCILS IT--ANDREW PEBOY INKS IT--VICKIE WILLIAMS LETTERS IT--BARRY GROSSMAN COLORS IT--JUSTIN FREDDY GABRIE EDITS IT--VICTOR GORELICK MNG. EDITOR--RICHARD GOLDWATER CHIEF

WELL, THAT'S ONE WAY OF PUTTING IT, SONIC!

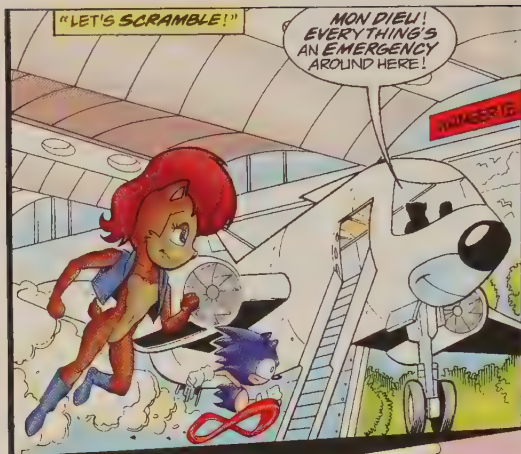
I'D BETTER ALERT THE PRINCESS!



NO NEED, ROTOR! I'M ALREADY HERE!

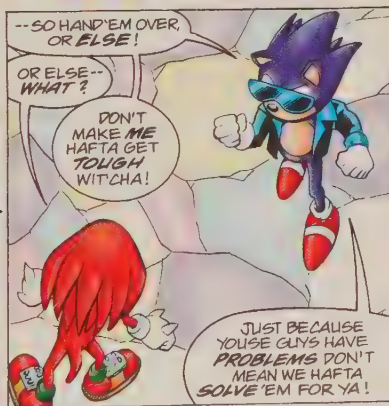
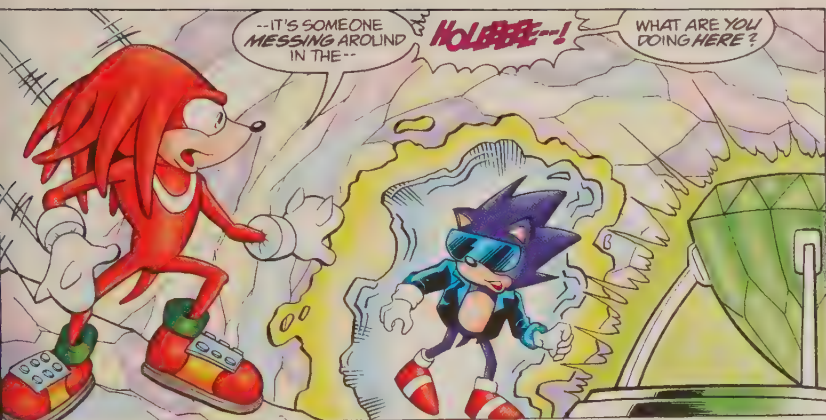
ALRIGHT, EVERYONE--

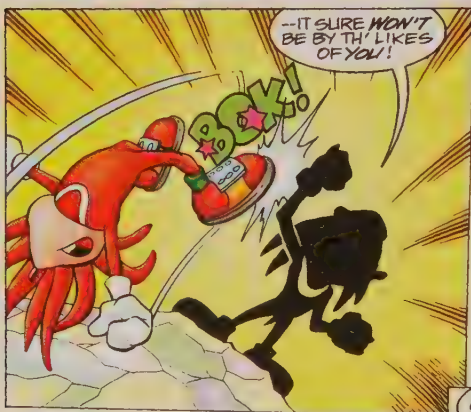


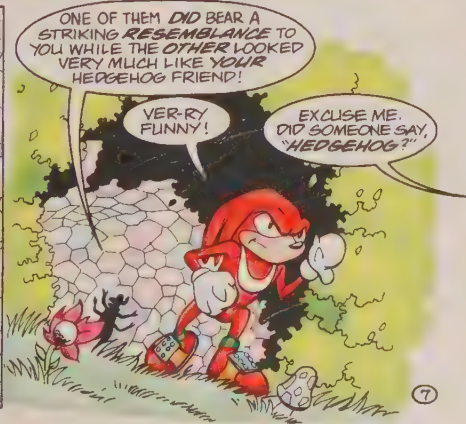
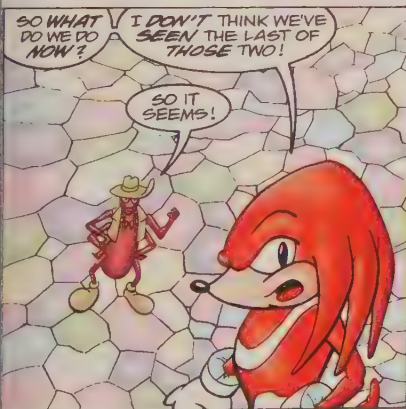
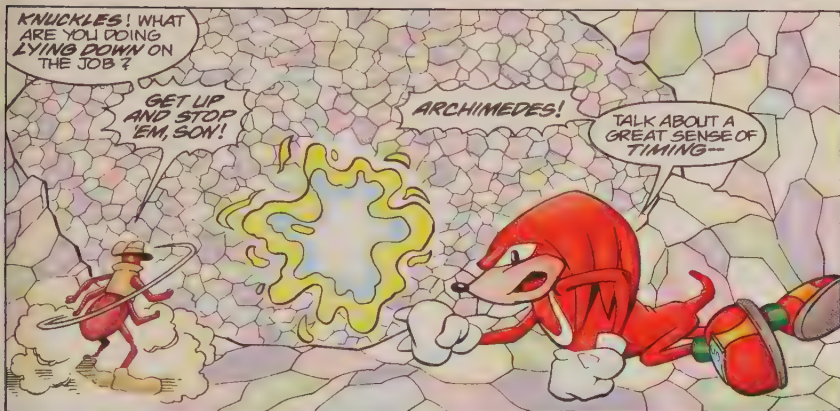


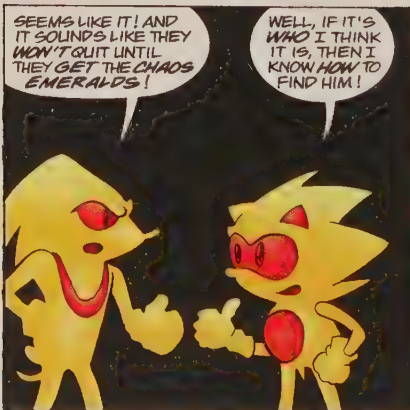
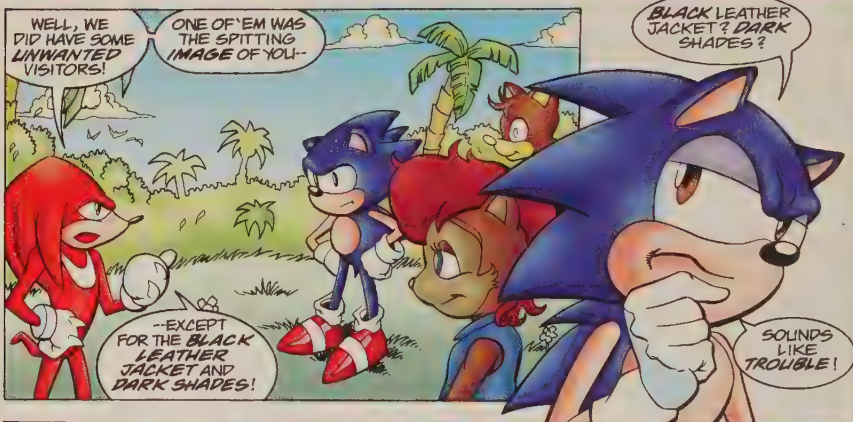
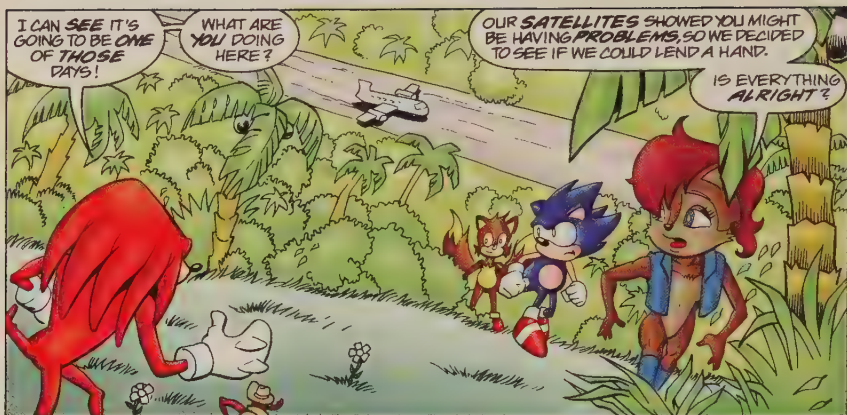
"NONE OTHER THAN THE LAND OF ECHIDNAS AND CHAOS EMERALDS--THE FLOATING ISLAND..."











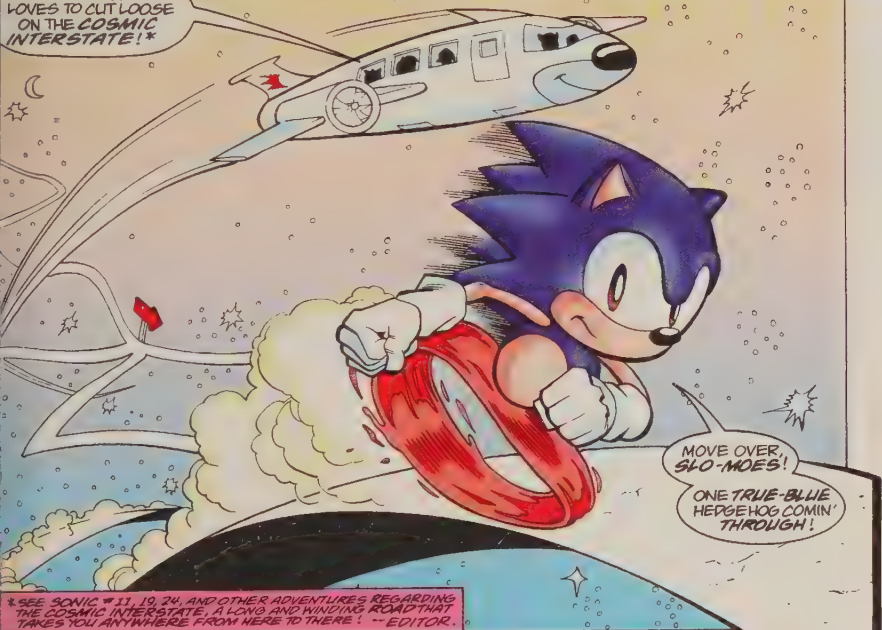
LOOK AT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ GO!

HE REALLY
LOVES TO CLUT LOOSE
ON THE COSMIC
INTERSTATE!*

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART II



MOVE OVER,
SLO-MOES!

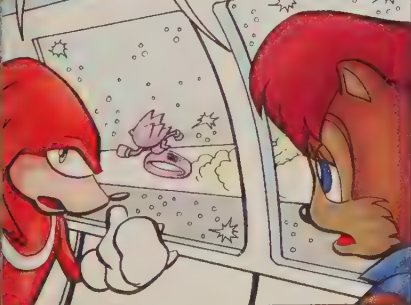
ONE TRUE-BLUE
HEDGEHOG COMIN'
THROUGH!

*SEE SONIC #11, 19, 24, AND OTHER ADVENTURES REGARDING
THE COSMIC INTERSTATE, A LONG AND WINDING ROAD THAT
TAKES YOU ANYWHERE FROM HERE TO THERE! -- EDITOR.

HE DOESN'T
KNOW, DOES
HE?

KNOW
WHAT?


ABOUT YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE FLOATING
ISLAND--
OR US!



NO! I'VE PROTECTED
YOUR SECRET-ALONG
WITH SO MANY OTHERS!


IT'S NOT
EASY,
IS IT?





NO, BEING THE DAUGHTER
OF A KING NEVER IS! EVEN
WHEN ON A VACATION--

"WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, I THOUGHT
WE WERE ALONE UNTIL I HEARD A SLIGHT RUSTLING IN
THE NEARBY BUSHES--



"...WE WOULD TRAVEL
TO LOCATIONS ONLY
MY FATHER KNEW OF!

"--IT WAS ONLY AFTER I WANDERED
OFF ON MY OWN THAT YOU
REVEALED YOURSELF TO ME--

WHO ARE
YOU?

THAT'S
FUNNY!
I WAS ABOUT
TO ASK YOU
THE SAME,
SISTER!

"UNFORTUNATELY, I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT
YOU TO ANYONE, LEST YOUR FATHER DISCOVER
YOU BROKE THE RULES OF YOUR
APPRENTICESHIP--

"WE DISCOVERED WE BOTH HAD
A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON--

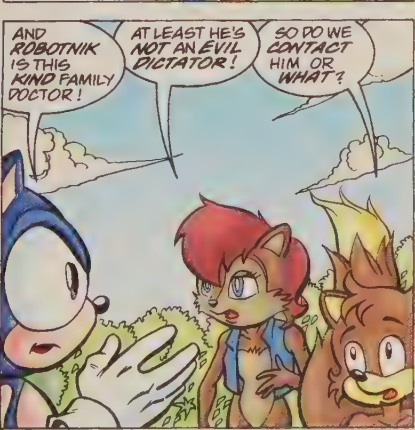
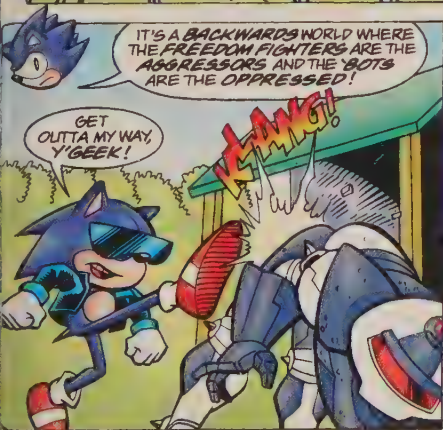
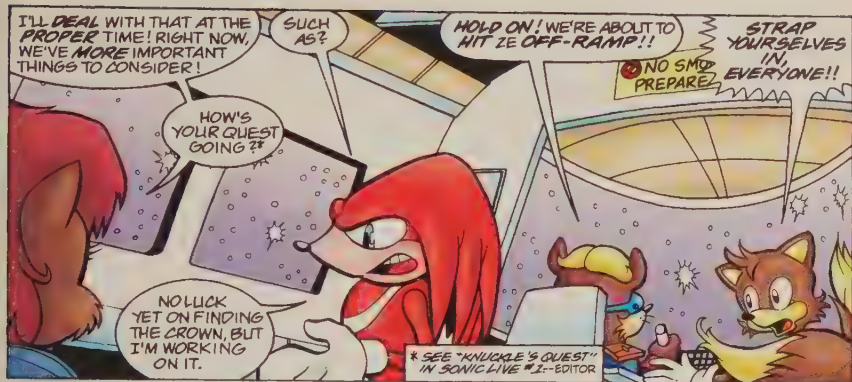
MY DAD WANTS
ME TO BE RULER
OF OUR PEOPLE
SOME DAY!

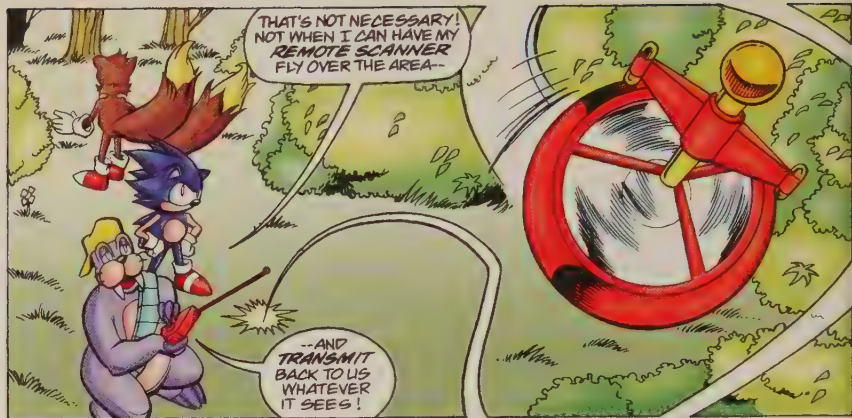
MY DAD
WANTS ME
TO BE GUARDIAN
OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND SOME
DAY!

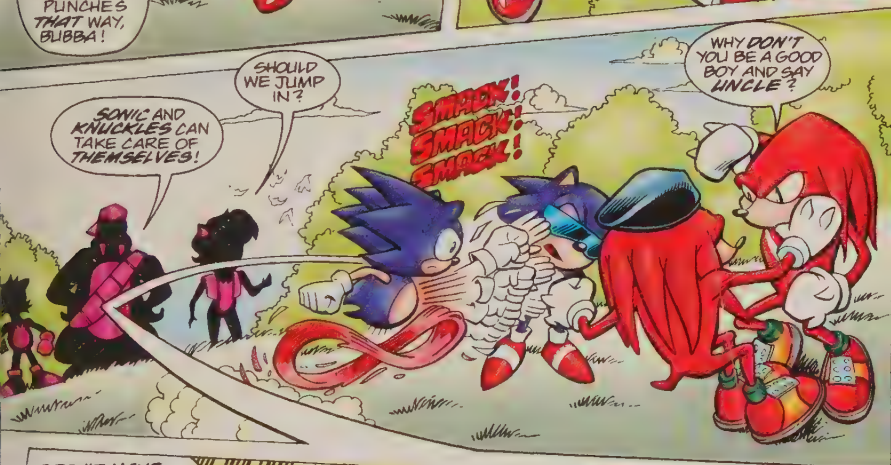
--NOT EVEN WHEN WE HAD TO GO
BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND
BECAUSE OF ROBOTNIK DID I LET
ON I KNEW YOU!*

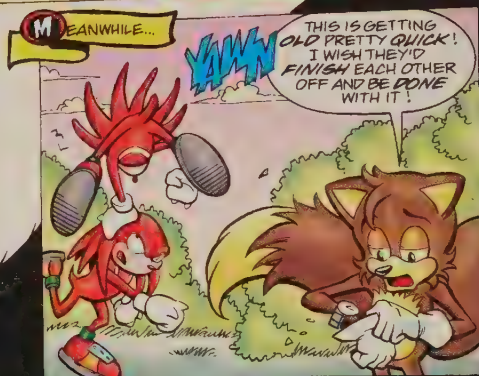
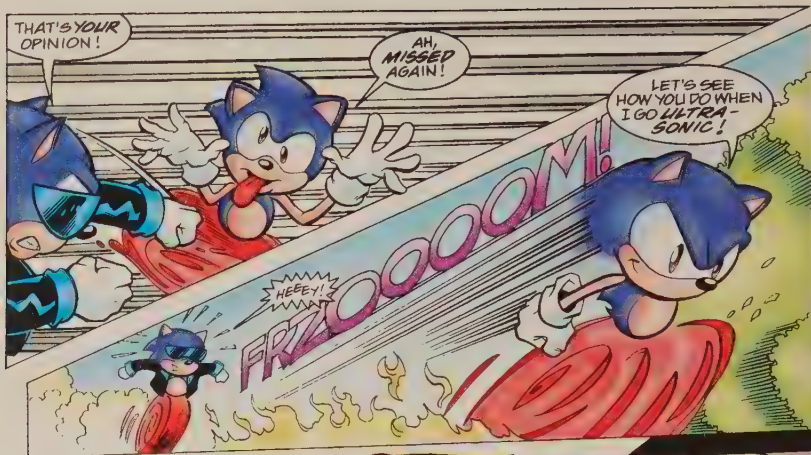
DO YOU
THINK YOU
SHOULD TELL
SONIC?

* REFER TO THE NON-CLASSIC
SONIC & KNUCKLES "I" EDITOR

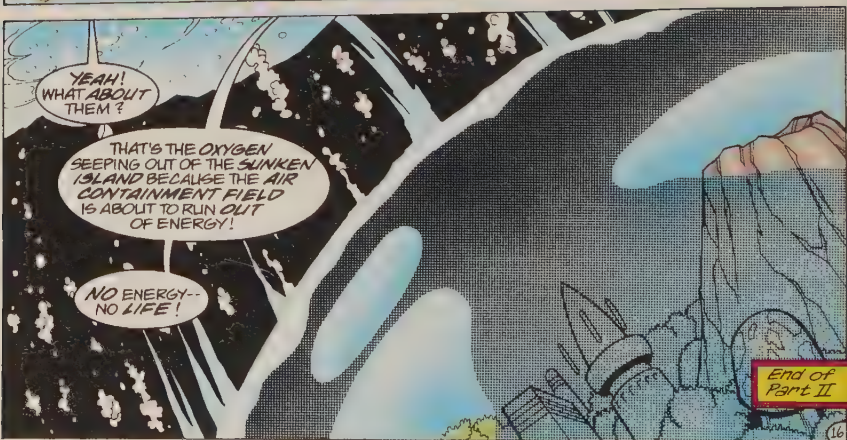
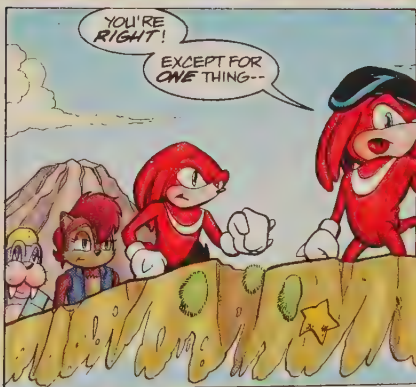












End of
Part II

ATLANTINOPOLIS
IS STRAIGHT AHEAD,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

WE SHOULD BE
PULLING INTO THE
STATION IN
LESS THAN 30
SECONDS!

WAY-
COOL!

THAT'S
PUTTING IT
MILDLY,
SONIC!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART III

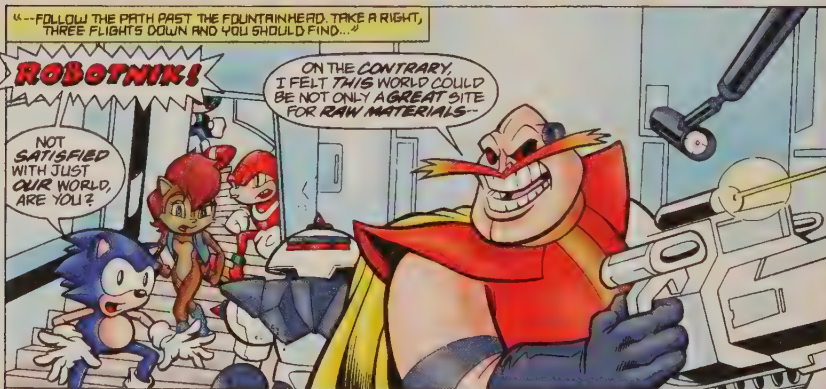
END OF THE
LINE, BUT HOPEFULLY
NOT US!

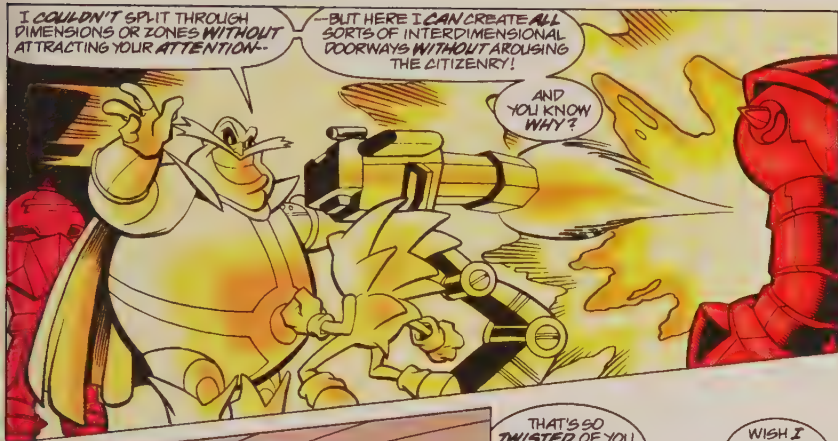
≡ WHEW! ≡
AIR SEEMS A BIT
THICK!

UNLESS WE JURY
RIG SOMETHING FAST
TO POWER THE AIR
CONTAINMENT FIELD--

--IT'LL GET
EVEN
THICKER!

HOLD IT! DO
YOU GUYS HEAR
SOMETHING?





HAHAHAHAHA

"WOMEN
AND CHILDREN
FIRST!"

I'LL GET
IM FOR
THAT!

HOPE I HAVE
ENOUGH AIR
TO MAKE IT
THROUGH!

SEEMS RATHER
MEAN-LOOKING
AROUND HERE!

WAITAMINUTE!!!
I'M BEING RATTED
OUT HERE! THIS
WASN'T PART OF
THE PLAN!

YOUR
TURN!

HERE! HAVE
SOME FISTFULS OF
SONIC BRASS!

ROCKEM SOCKEM
BOING

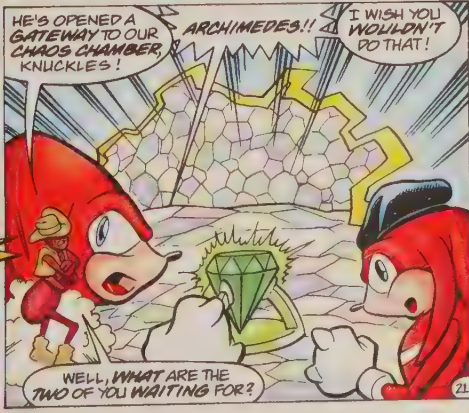
THIS'LL
TEACH YA
NOT TO
MESS WITH
ME!

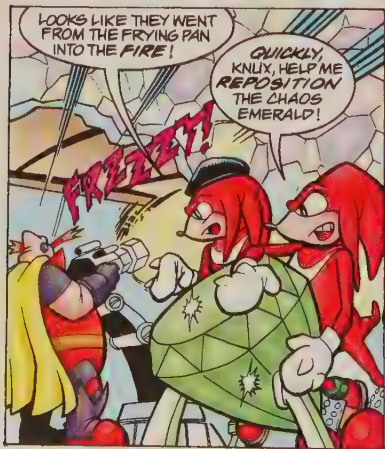
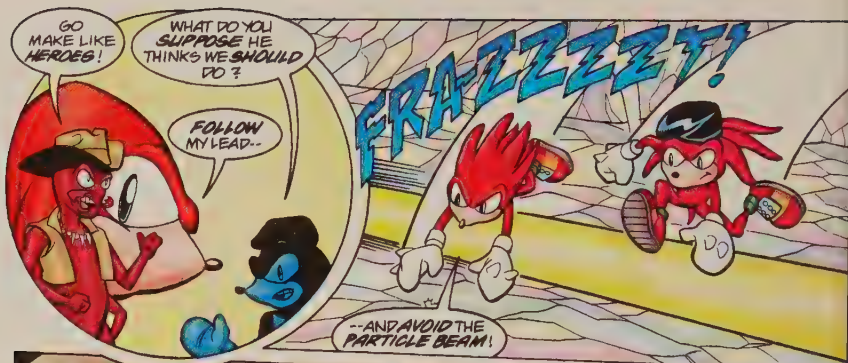
QUICKLY,
ROTOR,
YOU'RE THE
BEST
SWIMMER!

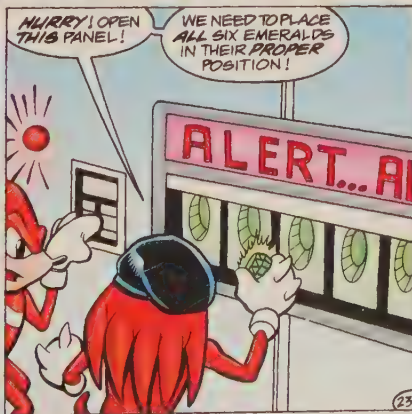
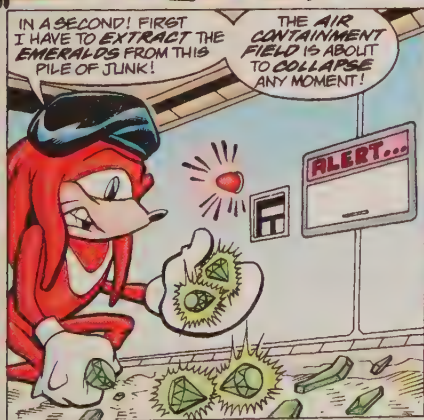
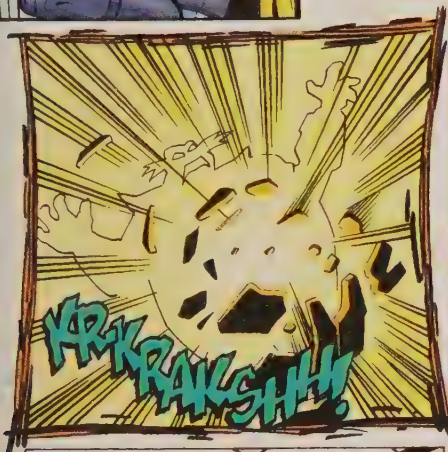
GET
OUT THERE
AND SAVE
TAILS!

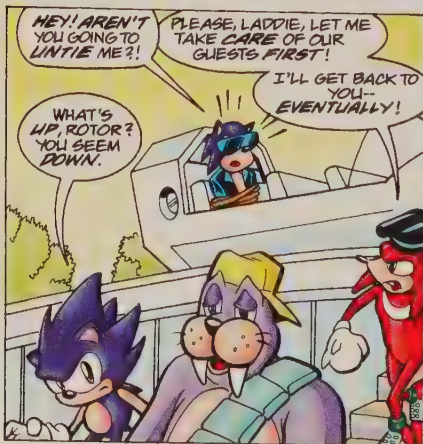
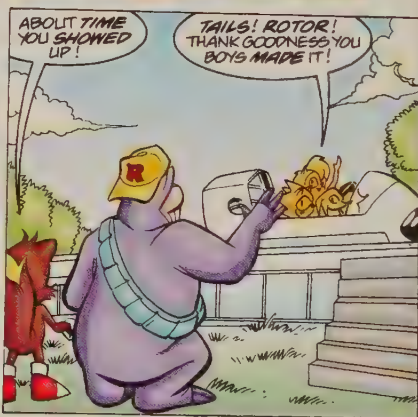
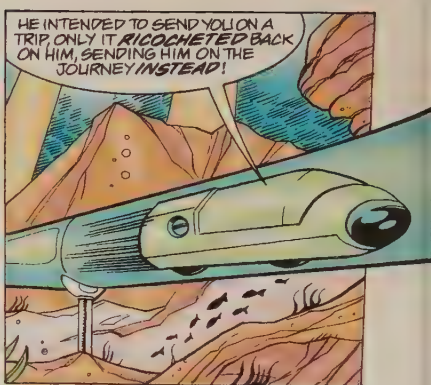
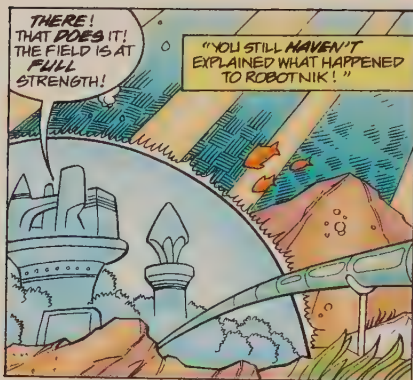
IN THE
MEANTIME--

HOW ABOUT CLUEING
US IN ABOUT THIS
"PLAN"?



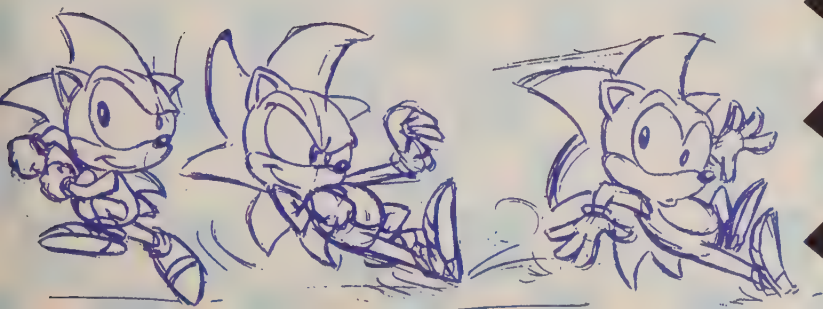






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you'd like to learn a little extra
about a few of your
favorite Sonic characters.





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